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PREFACE.

THE Liturgy now offered to the public is framed upon the model of that Form of Prayer which was selected by the late Rev. Theophilus Lindsey, from the Public Liturgy, for the use of the congregation in Essex Street; the chief excellence of which consists in avoiding all disputed doctrines and party phrases in addressing the Supreme Being, and in admitting no sentiments but those in which all Christians may unite, expressed in the simple, solemn, and universally admired language of the Common Prayer.

IN this edition of the Reformed Liturgy a few verbal alterations have been made

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in the prayers, with the view chiefly of bringing them still nearer to the original text. It has also been thought advisable, instead of inserting the whole of the Psalms, to give rather such selections from them as seemed to be most in harmony with the genius and spirit of the Gospel, and to be best fitted for general use. While the beautiful and expressive phraseology of the Common Version has in the main been adhered to, advantage has, at the same time, been taken of the labours of the learned to introduce amendments and corrections where they were deemed to be necessary.

London, Nov. 5, 1835.

ANOTHER edition of the Reformed Liturgy having been called for, the Editor has availed himself of the opportunity to introduce into the Marriage Service such

alterations as would make it conformable to the present state of the Law. With this exception, and the substitution of a few words for others rendered necessary by a change in the head of the government, the Liturgy remains, in all respects, as it was.

March 1, 1839.

⁂ A small volume of Hymns printed uniformly with the Liturgy, and now in use at the Chapel in Essex Street, may be had either separately, or bound up with the Prayer Book.

THE ORDER

FOR

MORNING PRAYER,

EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences: the Minister and Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek.* xviii. 27.

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O LORD; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm* cxliii. 2.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the

Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace; saying after me:

¶ *A general Confession to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; We have offended against thy holy laws; We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.—But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer to be said by the Minister alone; he and the Congregation kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may per-

fectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and all other Prayers, the word Amen *is to be said by the Clerk and the Congregation.*

¶ *To be said by the Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Praise ye the LORD.

Answ. The LORD's name be praised.

Raise up our hearts unto thee, O God!

Answ. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all stand up.*

¶ *Then shall be read part of the* xcvth *Psalm. At the end of which the Doxology that follows is to be used.*

N.B. The Psalms universally, and the Hymns between the Lessons, are to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People; all standing.

Psalm XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and shew our joy before him with psalms.

For the LORD is the great God; and the great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and bow down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his care.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow a Psalm or Psalms, to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People, all standing: and at the close of the last shall be repeated the following Doxology:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; the Minister standing, the Congregation sitting.*

¶ *After that let the following Hymn be read, in alternate verses; the Minister and the Congregation standing.*

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the LORD.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The Christian church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite majesty; the only God:

Also, thine honourable, true, and well-

beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent to be the Saviour of the world.

When he had overcome the sharpness of death, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

He sitteth at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father:

Whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We pray thee, therefore, help thy servants, whom he hath redeemed from death:

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee.

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy shine upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded.

Or,

Psalm CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my king; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised: his greatness is unsearchable.

Generation to generation shall celebrate thy works, and declare thy power.

They shall speak of thine honour, thy glory, thy praise, and wonderful works.

Men shall tell of the might of thy terrible acts, and discourse of thy greatness.

They shall largely commemorate thy great goodness; and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abundant in kindness.

The LORD is good unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works shall celebrate thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall give thanks unto thee.

They shall tell of the glory of thy kingdom, and speak of thy power;

That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom may be made known unto the sons of men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all such as are falling; and lifteth up all those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their food in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and bountiful in all his works.

The LORD is near unto all those who call upon him; to all those who call upon him in sincerity.

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all those who love him; but scattereth abroad all those who are wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and all flesh shall give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; the Minister standing and the Congregation sitting during the reading of the Lesson.*

¶ *After that, the Hymn following, in alternate verses; the Minister and Congregation all standing.*

Luke i. 68.

BLESSED be the LORD God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been since the world began;

To give knowledge of salvation to his people, for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read on the first Sunday in the Month the three following Collects; and likewise on the fifth Sunday, when there are five Sundays in the Month: The Minister alone reading; the Clerk and Congregation saying* Amen; *all kneeling or standing.*

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully, O LORD, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Second Sunday in the Month.

BLESSED LORD God, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our consciences accuse us, and giving us those good things which we are encouraged to ask through thy great mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

DELIVER us, O LORD, we beseech thee, from ignorance and error; and guide us by the continual direction of thy holy word; that we may plenteously bring forth the fruits of good works, and may of thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Third Sunday in the Month.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, justly lamenting our sins and acknowledging our unworthiness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday in the Month.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy: that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through

things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for thine infinite mercy's sake. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For the Collects to be read on Christmas-Day, Good-Friday, &c., see* pp. 21, 22.

¶ *The Collects for Peace and Grace to be read every Sunday throughout the year.*

The Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,

whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayers are to be read as they are here placed, except when the Litany is read. When the Litany is read, the three first of the following Prayers are to be omitted. The Prayers to be read by the Minister alone, the Clerk and Congregation saying* Amen; *all kneeling or standing.*

A Prayer for the Queen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of

lords, the supreme ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our sovereign the queen: and so replenish her with thy grace, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and happiness long to live: prosper all her righteous undertakings; and, after this life, may she attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless all the royal family; endue them with a holy spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the author of every good and perfect gift; send down upon all ministers

of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, we beseech thee, as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Parliament, to be read during their Session.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the high court of Parliament at this time assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory; the good of thy church; the safety, honour, and welfare of thy servant our queen, and the United Kingdom: that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg for thy mercies sake in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all conditions of men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy way known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the whole Christian church in all parts of the world, that it may be so guided and governed by thee, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired**], that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* This is to be said when any desire the prayers of the congregation.

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them**]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* This is to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

A concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord

to make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 *Cor.* xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

THE LORD bless us and keep us: may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

MAY the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

To be read on the days mentioned below.

Christmas-Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who at the first coming of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst send a messenger to prepare his way before him; grant, we beseech thee, that the ministers of thy word may likewise so prepare and make ready his way, that at his second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; and may by him be presented faultless before the throne of thy glory, there to live with thee world without end. *Amen.*

Good-Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold thy household the church, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross: And as thou sparedst not thy beloved Son, but deliveredst him

up for us all, we confide in thy great mercy that thou wilt with him also freely give us all things that thou knowest to be good for us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Easter-Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose mercy our Lord Jesus Christ hath overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; grant us to rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. *Amen.*

Whitsunday.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy holy spirit; grant us, we beseech thee, to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in thy holy comfort, and constantly to obey thy blessed will in all holiness and righteousness. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR

EVENING PRAYER,

EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

¶ *At the beginning of Evening Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences: the Minister and the Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek.* xviii. 27.

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O LORD; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm* cxliii. 2.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the

Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace; saying after me:

¶ *A general Confession to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; We have offended against thy holy laws; We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. —But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer to be said by the Minister alone; the Congregation kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and

from whom no secrets are hid; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and all other Prayers, the word Amen *is to be said by the Clerk and the Congregation.*

¶ *To be said by the Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister.

Open thou our eyes, O LORD;

Answer.

That we may see the wondrous things of thy law.

¶ *Here all stand up.*

¶ *Then shall follow a Psalm or Psalms, to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People; and at the close of the last shall be repeated the Doxology that follows.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson taken out of the Old Testament, and after that the* XCVIII*th Psalm, as follows: the Minister standing and the Congregation sitting during the Lessons, but all standing to read the Psalms alternately.*

Psalm XCVIII.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things.

His own right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The LORD hath declared his saving power; his righteousness hath he revealed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing aloud unto the LORD, O all the earth; burst forth into singing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and the mountains shout for joy before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. *Amen.*

¶ *Then a Lesson taken out of the New Testament, and after that Psalm* LXVII.

Psalm LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and shew us the light of his countenance.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the people righteously; and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read by the Minister alone two of the following Prayers; all kneeling or standing.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people that they may love that which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thine honour and glory, as disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD, who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to deliver us from all iniquity, and make us the sons of God and heirs

of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, and be admitted to dwell with thee in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through thy merciful aid in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Aid against all Perils.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, with whom there is no shadow of darkness; defend us, we beseech thee, from all the dangers and evil accidents of the approaching night, and keep us by thy watchful providence in peace and safety now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Prayers following.*

A Prayer for the whole Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make supplications and to give thanks for all men; we humbly entreat thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually all thy sincere worshippers with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess the name of Christ may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to preserve and defend all lawful kings, princes, and governors, especially thy servant our queen, that under her we may be peaceably governed. And grant unto her whole council and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give wisdom, O heavenly Father, to all the ministers of thy holy gospel, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word. And to all thy people give thy heavenly aid, and

especially to this congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy holy fear; beseeching thee to enable us so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In these our requests, we beseech thee, O God, to hear and to accept us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GUIDE us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities

before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them**]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by

* This is to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 *Cor.* xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

THE LORD bless us and keep us: may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

MAY the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR

MORNING PRAYER,

ON SUCH DAYS AS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

IS ADMINISTERED.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences: the Minister and Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek.* xviii. 27.

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O LORD; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm* cxliii. 2.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the

Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace; saying after me:

¶ *A general Confession to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; We have offended against thy holy laws; We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.—But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *To be said by the Minister alone; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dòst forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, justly lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our

unworthiness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and all other Prayers, the word Amen *is to be said by the Clerk and the Congregation.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Praise ye the LORD.

Answ. The LORD's name be praised.

Raise up our hearts unto thee, O God.

Answ. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be read the Ten Commandments, taken from Deut.* v. 6—21.

To be read by the Minister; all standing.

GOD spake these words to the children of Israel:

I. I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage: Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them:

for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

VIII. Neither shalt thou steal.

IX. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¶ *Then shall be read the words of Christ—Mark* xii. 29—31.

HEAR also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith to his disciples:

"The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first com-

mandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

People.

LORD, have mercy upon us, and write thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ *The following Litany, or general Supplication, to be said by the Minister and People; all kneeling or standing.*

Minister.

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

People.

O God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

Remember not, LORD, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved. Spare us, good LORD, spare thy

people; and have compassion on the work of thine hands.

Spare us, good LORD.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from dangerous temptations, from thy wrath, and from final condemnation;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul, and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from untimely death;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement;

Good LORD, *deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us,

O LORD God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern all thy sincere worshippers in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to direct and preserve in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant our queen;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to guide her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, that she may evermore put her trust in thee, and ever seek thine honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to be her defender and preserver, and to prosper all her righteous undertakings;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all the royal family;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to illuminate all the ministers of thy gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and shew it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to endue the

lords of the council, and all the nobility, with righteousness and understanding;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the magistrates; giving them wisdom to execute justice, and to preserve peace;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to strengthen

such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over all temptations;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children, and to shew pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows, for all that are desolate and oppressed, and especially all those that suffer for righteousness' sake;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give and

preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to accept our sincere repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to enable us to amend our lives according to thy holy word ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

Min. Glory be to God in the highest ;

People. And on earth peace : good will towards men.

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; and after that shall be said the following portions of Psalm* CXIX.; *the Minister standing and the Congregation sitting during the Lessons; but all standing while the Psalms are read in alternate verses.*

Psalm CXIX.

BLESSED are those who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, and seek him with their whole heart.

For they commit no iniquity; they walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were so directed that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

O Lord, thy word endureth for ever; it is more firmly fixed than the heavens.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance; for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments, for through them thou hast revived me.

I am thine; O save me, for I have sought thy commandments.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, out of the New Testament; and after that shall be said Psalm* XIX.

Psalm XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the works of his hands.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Though they have no speech nor language, yet their voice is heard.

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words unto the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which cometh out of his chamber as a bridegroom, and rejoiceth as a mighty man to run his course.

He cometh forth from the uttermost part of the heavens, his circuit is unto the end thereof again; and there is nothing hid from his heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, con-

verting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is true, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, giving light unto the mind.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the judgements of the LORD are sure, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than the finest gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant instructed; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults!

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: so shall I be upright, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Lord's Prayer, and the Prayer following.*

The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Congregation after the Minister. The following Prayers to be said by the Minister alone; all kneeling or standing. At the end of each of the Prayers the word Amen *to be said by the Clerk and Congregation.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If the Lord's Supper be administered on Christmas-day, Good-Friday, Easter-Day, or Whitsunday, the Collect for such day is to be used here.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them**]. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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THE LORD bless us and keep us: may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

MAY the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER,

OR

HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The Minister shall say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion :*

YE that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and intend to lead a virtuous life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and partake of this holy ordinance to your comfort ; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *Then shall this general Confession be made by the Minister and People.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,

Judge of all men ; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, which we from time to time have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking thy just displeasure against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings, the remembrance of which is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; forgive us all that is past ; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name. *Amen.*

¶ *To be read by the Minister alone.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee ; have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ ***Here all stand up.***

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith to all that truly turn to him:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." *Matth.* xi. 28.

"God so loved the world that he gave his beloved Son, to the end that every one who believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." *John* iii. 16.

Hear also what St. Paul saith:

"This is a true doctrine, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what St. John saith:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and kind to forgive us our sins, and to purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

Lift up your hearts.

Answ. We will lift them up unto the LORD.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

Answ. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *To be said by the Minister only.*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O LORD, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

¶ *To be said by the Minister and People.*

THEREFORE, with thy whole family in heaven and earth, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O LORD most high. *Amen. Eph.* iii. 15.

¶ *Here the Minister, standing before the table, shall read the following account of the Institution.*

1 *Cor.* xi. 23—26.

THE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and after he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, "Take, eat; this, which is

broken for you, is my body: do this in remembrance of me."

In like manner also, after supper, he gave the cup to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood: do this, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye shew forth the Lord's death till he come.

¶ *Then shall the Prayer following be said by the Minister alone, all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, by whose gracious assistance, and for our benefit, thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was obedient even to the death upon the cross; who did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of his death until his coming again: hear us, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we may receive this bread and wine in grateful remembrance of his death and sufferings, and of thy great mercy to mankind in sending him, thy chosen messenger, to turn us from darkness to light, from vice to virtue, from ignorance

and error to the knowledge of thee, the only true God, whom to know is life eternal. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself; and then proceed to deliver the same to the Congregation. And when he delivereth the bread he shall say,*

Take and eat this bread in remembrance of Christ*.

¶ *And when he delivereth the cup he shall say,*

Take and drink this wine in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *When all have communicated, the Minister shall say as followeth; all kneeling or standing.*

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy faithful servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; humbly beseeching thee to grant that by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to thy will, we may obtain the pardon of our sins, and everlasting life.

Here we offer and present unto thee, O

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* This form of words is chosen in conformity to our Saviour's own, viz. "*Do this in remembrance of me.*"

LORD, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee. And although we be unworthy to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, according to thine abundant mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; through whom all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said by all present:*

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace: good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for the various manifestations of thy great glory, O LORD God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

We bless thee for sending thy beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners; for exalting him unto thy right hand in heaven; for all the gifts of thy holy spirit, and for the hope of eternal life.

For thou only art wise, and holy, and good; thou only art the LORD; thou only

dost govern all things both in heaven and earth. Therefore, blessing and honour, and glory and power, be unto thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

MAY the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

THE LORD bless us and keep us; may he be gracious unto us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

MAY the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF

BAPTISM.

¶ *Note, That there may be for every Child two or three Sponsors; who would most properly be parents, guardians, or nearest relations.*

My Brethren,

IT is written in the Gospel of Matthew, that our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles:

"Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit." *Matth.* xxviii. 19.

It is also written in the Acts of the Apostles, that the disciples were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts* xix. 5.

St. Peter also saith in his Epistle:

"The baptism which saveth us is not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God." 1 *Pet.* iii. 21.

¶ *The Minister, addressing himself to the Sponsors present, shall say,*

YE have brought this child here to be baptized:

I ask, therefore,

Will ye faithfully and earnestly exhort this child to renounce every thing that is evil, and all sinful inclinations, so that *he* may not follow or be led by them?

Answ. I will.

Will ye instruct *him* in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answ. I will.

Will ye exhort *him* to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of *his* life?

Answ. I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister take the child into his hands, and say to the Sponsors,*

Name this child.

¶ *Then, naming it after them, and either dipping it in the water, or sprinkling water upon it, he shall say,*

I baptize thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit.

Or the following form may be used:

I baptize thee into the name of Jesus Christ. (See *Acts* ii. 38. xix. 5.)

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favour for ever; grant that this child, now dedicated to thee as the disciple of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and be in the number of those who shall be everlastingly saved through thy mercy. For this end we entreat thy blessing upon these thy servants, who have now solemnly engaged themselves to instruct it in thy holy truth; that they may be enabled to discharge their great trust with diligence and fidelity, and may have the comfort of beholding the fruits of their pious labours in the virtuous improvement of those under their care. Finally, we give thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, for all of us now assembled before thee, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and to faith in thee: increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore; that we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceed in all virtue and godli-

ness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Exhortation to parents after baptism.*

Brethren,

THE design of receiving infants by baptism into the church of Christ, is to remind parents of their duty to them in their innocent and helpless age, that they may train them up as his disciples and the children of God; and that, as they have been the instruments of bringing them into this mortal life, they may have the comfort of contributing to their future happiness in a life that will never end.

Remember, then, that this child belongs to God, who gave it you, and intrusts you with it, that it may be educated and fitted for himself; and if through your criminal neglect or bad example his reasonable creature be lost, he will require it at your hands.

Instil, therefore, into *his* tender mind the knowledge, reverence, and love of God, the heavenly Father and Maker of all, and a deep sense of the duty *he* owes to him. Acquaint *him* with his benevo-

lent designs for the recovery of a degenerate and perishing world to their duty and happiness: And lead *him* to learn the mind and will of God for *his* salvation from that inestimable treasure of wisdom the holy scriptures, especially the words of Christ and his apostles; and not from the doctrines and inventions of men.

Check the first risings of envy and pride in *his* breast, by teaching *him* humility and a just knowledge of *himself*; that all *he* possesses or hopes for is from God, whose free bounty alone maketh the difference between his creatures. But at the same time inform *him* of the dignity of *his* nature; of the importance of reason, the light of God within *him*; by which *he* is to govern *himself*, to restrain *his* appetites and passions, to moderate *his* affections, to know the God that made *him*, to learn his will, to become like unto him, holy, just, and good. Teach *him* above all things to abhor falsehood and lies; and to love and cultivate truth and integrity, which will make *him* amiable in the eyes of all, and acceptable to God. Tell *him* that *he* is to love and do good to all men, because all are equally the children of God with *himself*, and the

objects of his fatherly kindness and care: That *he* is not born only for *himself*, but for others; to serve *his* country and mankind by promoting truth and virtue, and the public good.

To this early care of instructing your child, must be added your own invariable good example, that *he* at no time be witness to any hasty, passionate, profane words, or unseemly behaviour, inconsistent with virtue or innocence; and that the name of God in particular be never mentioned before *him* but with the utmost seriousness and reverence; because it is by imitation chiefly that our characters are insensibly formed from our infancy, and the impressions then made are seldom effaced afterwards.

Be therefore thus watchful over this precious charge of heaven committed to you, that it receive no injury in your hands. And sow in *him* betimes these seeds of piety, charity, sincerity, and all goodness; for otherwise the weeds of evil will spring up of course in such a world as this, which it may be difficult afterwards to root out. And although no pains that you can take can ensure success, yet, whatever happens, you will have dis-

charged your duty, and not have the guilt and mortifying reflection of having contributed to the ruin and misery of those you love. But if your labours are successful,—and generally true is the wise man's remark, *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it*,—it will be a source of the highest and purest pleasure and satisfaction to you, and you will have the joy of leaving behind you those who may do good in the world when you shall be no more in it.

And may the supreme Father and Governor of all things direct and bless you in the faithful discharge of your duty, for his glory, the good of mankind, and the advancement of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Where there are other Sponsors who present the child to be baptized, and not the Parents, the Minister may thus begin the exhortation :*

Ye that have now undertaken the care of this child, which naturally belongs to the parents, must take heed and remember that it is also a child of God, for whom it is to be educated and fitted: and if through your, &c.

THE FORM

OF

SOLEMNIZATION

OF

MATRIMONY.

¶ *When the persons to be married, and their friends, are assembled, the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here, in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee; and it is commended of St. Paul to be honourable

among all men; and therefore none ought to engage therein unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

¶ *Then speaking unto the persons that shall be married, he shall say,*

I SOLEMNLY require and charge you both, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it.

¶ *If no Impediment be confessed, then shall the Minister call upon each of the Parties about to be married, to make in succession the following Declaration, prescribed by Law:*

"I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *A. B.*, may not be joined in matrimony to *C. D.*"

¶ *The Minister shall then ask, "Who giveth the woman to be married to the man?" and receiving her at her father's or friend's hand, shall cause the man with his right*

hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say to her, as prescribed by Law,

"I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, *A. B.*, do take thee, *C. D.*, to be my lawful wedded Wife," to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land.

¶ *The woman then, in like manner, with her right hand, shall take the man by his right hand, and shall say to him, as prescribed by Law,*

"I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, *C. D.*, do take thee, *A. B.*, to be my lawful wedded Husband,"* to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health,

* The words in this and the two preceding paragraphs marked by inverted commas are the words required to be used by the New Marriage Act, in the presence of the Registrar of the district and two or more credible witnesses.

to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands; and the man shall give unto the woman a ring. And the Minister taking the ring shall deliver it unto the man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. And the man holding the ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,*

With this ring I thee wed; and to thee only do I promise to keep myself, so long as we both shall live. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall they both kneel down, and the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that these persons may steadfastly perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect peace and love together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,*

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the Minister speak unto the people,*

FORASMUCH as *A. B.* and *C. D.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have engaged and pledged themselves each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together. *Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is

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* Here may be introduced, if deemed advisable, an address by the Minister suitable to the occasion.

in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, bless, we pray thee, these thy servants, and direct them in the way to eternal life; that whatsoever in thy holy word they shall profitably learn, they may indeed fulfill the same. May thy good Providence be to them a light and a shield to guide and protect them throughout the whole of their earthly pilgrimage. May they live together in godly love and honesty, discharging with good conscience the various duties which thou shalt lay upon them; that thus walking before thee, in thy faith and fear, they may finally become partakers of the happiness and glory of thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall he add this blessing.*

THE LORD God almighty bless, preserve, and keep you: the LORD mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE

THANKSGIVING

OF

WOMEN AFTER CHILD-BIRTH.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation; we present unto thee our unfeigned thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver this woman thy servant from the pain and peril of child-birth: Give her such a due sense, O Lord, of thy kind and gracious dealings with her, that a constant, grateful remembrance of thy goodness may dispose her to a cheerful obedience to thy laws; that she through thy help may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life present; and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The Minister meeting the corpse at the entrance of the church-yard, or when it is brought into the church, shall say,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the LORD: he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *John* xi. 25, 26.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out: The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 1 *Tim.* vi. 7. *Job* i. 21.

¶ *Afterwards shall be read the following Psalm.*

Psalm XC.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth

and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch of the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood: they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which springeth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and springeth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passing away; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength but labour and sorrow; it soon passeth away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thine anger, or the terribleness of thy displeasure?

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return unto us, O LORD, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad, all our days.

Comfort us again, according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and according to the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

¶ *Then shall follow the Lesson taken out of the fifteenth chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians.*

THE portion of scripture selected to be read upon the present occasion, is taken from 1 *Cor.* xv. 20, to the end.

BUT now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-

fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted who did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the know-

ledge of God: I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam

was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy vic-

tory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the LORD.

¶ *When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Minister shall say:*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of trouble: He cometh up and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O LORD, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O LORD God most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, deliver us not into the bitter pains of the second death.

Thou knowest, LORD, the secrets of our hearts, shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, LORD most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and

merciful Father, thou supreme judge of all; suffer us not at our last hour to be without hope, or to fall from thee.

¶ *Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister shall say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased almighty God to take from us our *brother* now departed; we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope that there shall be a resurrection to eternal life of all those who die in the fear and love of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write; From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the LORD: even so saith the spirit; for they rest from their labours. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom

come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy apostle St. Paul, not to sorrow as men without hope for those who sleep in him: We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom pre-

pared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O heavenly Father, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

One of these forms of blessing to be used by the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 *Cor.* xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

THE LORD bless us and keep us; may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace both now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

THE blessing of almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS

FROM

THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

PSALM I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

For he is like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season.

Whose leaf also withereth not; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

It is not so with the ungodly: but they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness; in trouble thou hast set me free: have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be a dishonour? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Yet know this; that the LORD hath chosen for himself the righteous man: when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: consider this upon your beds and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?

LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than theirs is, when their corn, and wine, and oil are increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for thou alone, O LORD, makest me to dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear unto my words, O LORD: consider my complaint.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God who hast pleasure in wickedness: the evil doer shall not dwell with thee.

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou hatest all the workers of iniquity.

But as for me, I will come into thine house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship in thy holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, according to thy righteousness: make thy way straight before me.

Let all who put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever sing for joy because thou defendest them: let all who love thy name be joyful in thee:

For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous man: with favour wilt thou encircle him as with a shield.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! thou hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast ordained praise, to put thine adversaries to shame; to silence the enemy and the revengeful.

When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; and thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen; yea, and the beasts of the forest;

The fowls of the air; and the fishes of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord; how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart: I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee; yea, I will sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most High!

The LORD endureth for ever; he hath prepared his throne for judgement.

And he judgeth the world in righteousness: he administereth true judgement unto the people.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed: even a refuge in the time of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, LORD, forsakest not them that seek thee.

O praise the LORD who dwelleth in Zion: declare his doings among the people.

The LORD is known by the judgement which he executeth: the wicked is ensnared in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall hasten to the grave, and all the people who forget God.

For the needy shall not be always forgotten: the expectation of the afflicted shall not perish for ever.

Arise, O LORD, and let not man prevail; let the nations be judged by thee.

Put them in fear, O LORD: let the nations know that they are men.

PSALM XI.

IN the LORD I place my trust: why then say ye to me, Escape as a bird unto the mountains?

For lo, the wicked have bent the bow, and have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in secret at the upright in heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The LORD is in his holy temple: the LORD's throne is in heaven.

His eyes behold, and his eyelids try, the children of men.

The LORD approveth the righteous; but the wicked and the violent his soul abhorreth.

Upon the wicked he shall rain flakes of fire and sulphur: storm and tempest shall be the portion of their cup.

For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance regardeth the upright.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? or who shall dwell in thy holy mountain?

He that walketh uprightly, and doeth righteousness, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor uttereth a reproach against his neighbour.

He in whose eyes the worthless are contemptible; but who honoureth them that fear the LORD.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that taketh not a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust.

I have said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord; I have no happiness without thee.

The holy that are in the land, them I honour; in them is all my delight.

O LORD, the portion of my heritage and of my cup; thou sustainest my lot.

The lines are fallen for me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who giveth me

counsel: in the night, also, my heart admonisheth me.

I set the LORD before me at all times: because he is at my right-hand, I cannot be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also dwelleth in security.

For thou wilt not abandon my life to the grave; nor wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right-hand are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XXIII.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the right paths, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy crook and thy staff comfort me.

Thou spreadest a table before me: thou

anointest my head with oil: thou makest my cup to overflow.

Surely thy goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend the mountain of the LORD: and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I put my trust in thee:

Let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation;

In thee do I trust at all times.

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy, remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Gracious and righteous is the LORD; therefore he will instruct sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in his judgements; and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity, though it be great.

Who is the man that feareth the LORD? him will he teach in the way that he should choose.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will make known to them his covenant.

PSALM XXVII.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the shield of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war be waged against me, still will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret place of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of thanksgiving: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, O LORD, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou art my refuge; leave me not,

neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother should forsake me, yet the LORD would take me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in the right path.

Verily I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart; wait, then, on the LORD.

PSALM XXIX.

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thundereth; the LORD thundereth over the great waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD

shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD shaketh the oaks, and maketh bare the forests; and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

The LORD sitteth above the storm: the LORD sitteth king for ever.

May the LORD give strength unto his people; may the LORD give his people the blessing of peace!

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the LORD is right, and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and justice: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap; he layeth up the deep in store-houses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth to nought the counsels of the nations, and frustrateth the designs of the people.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever; the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men: from the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

No king is saved by a numerous host; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

The horse for safety is not to be depended on; neither can he rescue any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoiceth in him; because we trust in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; and delivered me from all my fears.

Look unto the LORD, and be enlightened; and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The afflicted cried, and the LORD heard him; and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him.

Young lions may want, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXVI.

REBELLION lodgeth in the heart of the wicked: there is no fear of God before his eyes.

He flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O LORD, reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains: thy judgements are a great deep.

Thou, LORD, preservest both man and beast: how excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of thy house, and thou shalt give them to drink out of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life, and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto the upright in heart.

Let not the foot of pride approach me, and let not the hand of the wicked disturb me.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of the wicked; neither be thou envious of the workers of iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the LORD, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust in him, and he shall act for thee.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noon-day.

Rest on the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself so as to do evil.

For evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; thou shalt look for his place, and it shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the land, and shall be refreshed in the abundance of peace.

The little that the righteous hath is better than the great riches of the wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

The LORD knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be for ever.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree.

Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he was not to be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

PSALM XXXIX.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

I was dumb with silence; I refrained from good; but my pain was increased.

My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue:

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely he disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, O LORD, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, incline thine ear unto my cry; be not regardless of my tears;

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled; though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams of which shall make glad the city of God, the sacred abode of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the land.

He maketh wars to cease to the end of the land: he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear asunder; he burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM XLVII.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people; O sing unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.

He hath subdued the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

He hath chosen an inheritance for us: the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

God goeth up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is king over all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the nations; God sitteth upon his holy throne.

The princes of the nations gather themselves together unto the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, on his holy mountain.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole land, is mount Zion: on the north side is the city of the great King; God is known in her palaces as a refuge.

For lo, when the kings were assembled, and had come over together against her;

They saw, and were dismayed: they were troubled, and hasted away.

As we have heard, so have we seen it to be, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it for ever.

We thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so be thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgements.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, survey her palaces that ye may tell to the generation following;

This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

Both high and low, rich and poor, together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Of those who confide in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

Not one of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give unto God a ransom for him;

That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

For it is seen that wise men die, as well as the ignorant and the foolish; they

all perish alike, and leave their riches to others.

And yet they think their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names:

But a man in honour without understanding, is like the beasts that perish.

This their way is their folly: yet their posterity follow their example.

Like sheep they are laid in the grave: death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;

Their beauty shall moulder away in the grave, and they shall no more have a dwelling-place.

But God will redeem my life from the power of the grave, for he will take charge of me.

Be not thou afraid when any one is made rich; when the glory of his house is increased:

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.

Though in his life he deemed himself happy, and was praised while he was in prosperity;

Yet he must go to the generation of his fathers, and see the light no more.

A man in honour without understanding, is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and support me with a cheerful spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

PSALM LXII.

MY soul trusteth in God alone, for from him cometh my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence: I shall not be greatly moved.

O my soul, trust thou in God alone; for all my expectation is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence: I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory; God is the rock of my strength, and my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your hearts before him: God is our refuge.

Truly men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are deceit: when laid in the balance, they are lighter than vanity itself.

Trust not in oppression, and in rapine become not vain: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God:

Also, that thou, LORD, art merciful; and that thou wilt render to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh longeth for thee, in a dry and thirsty land where no water is.

Thus I look toward thee, in thy sanctuary, to behold thy power and thy glory.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;

When I remember thee on my bed, and muse upon thee in the watches of the night.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul cleaveth unto thee; thy right hand upholdeth me.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest

and causest to approach unto thee, to dwell in thy courts; he shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Wonderfully in righteousness hast thou answered us, O God of our salvation; the confidence of the ends of the earth, and of the remotest seas:

Who by thy strength settest fast the mountains, and art girded about with power:

Who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the remotest parts stand in awe of thy tokens; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; thou enrichest it abundantly.

The river of God is full of water: thou suppliest the earth with corn, when thou hast thus prepared it.

Thou waterest its furrows; thou breakest down its ridges; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the hills are begirt with joy.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout and sing for joy.

PSALM LXVI.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; sing forth the honour of his name; make his glory the subject of your praise.

Say unto God, How awful are thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Let all the earth worship thee, sing praise unto thee, and celebrate thy name.

Come and see the works of God; how awful his doings toward the children of men!

He turned the sea into dry land; they went through the flood on foot: for this let us rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

PSALM LXXVI.

IN Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel.

In Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the battle.

More glorious and excellent art thou than the hills of the robbers.

The stout-hearted are spoiled; they have slept their sleep, and none of the mighty men could use their hands.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and the horse are cast into a dead sleep.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy sentence to be heard from heaven; the earth trembled, and was still:

When God arose to judgement, to save the afflicted of the land.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Vow, and pay your vows unto the LORD your God; let all that are round about him bring presents unto him who ought to be feared.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRY unto God; I cry aloud; even unto God do I cry, that he may hearken unto me.

I consider the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night, I commune with my heart, and my spirit thus inquireth:

"Will the LORD cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

"Is his mercy gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

"Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?"

Then I said, This is mine affliction, a change in the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the LORD, and call to mind thy wonders of old.

I will meditate on all thy works, and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy: what God is so great as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast made known thy power among the people.

With thine arm thou hast redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies uttered a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven; thy lightnings shone over the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in

the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXXII.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty: he judgeth among the gods.

How long will ye judge unjustly, and respect the persons of the wicked?

Defend the poor and the fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and the needy.

Deliver the outcast and the poor; protect them from the hand of the wicked.

They do not know; they will not understand; they walk on in darkness.

I have said, Ye are gods, and ye are all the sons of the Most High.

But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the people.

Arise, O God, and judge the earth; for all the nations are thine inheritance.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh cry aloud for the living God.

The sparrow findeth a house, and the

swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young; even by thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee.

Blessed are they whose strength is in thee; who delight in the way to *thy sanctuary*.

They go from strength to strength, until they appear before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD giveth grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land; thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and hast abated the greatness of thy wrath.

Restore us now, O God of our salvation, and let thine anger towards us cease.

Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou continue thy wrath to all generations?

Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will say; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, if they return not again to folly.

Truly his salvation is nigh to them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth shall meet together; righteousness and peace shall embrace each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall direct his steps in the way.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me.

Preserve my life, for to thee am I devoted: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD; for I call upon thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, LORD, art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD, and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and I will

walk in thy truth; unite my heart with the fear of thy name.

I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

PSALM LXXXIX.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy truth hast thou established in the heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant;

Thy seed will I establish for ever, and I will build up thy throne to all generations.

And the heavens, O LORD, shall praise thy wonders; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heavens can be compared unto the LORD?

Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is so power-

ful as thou? and thy faithfulness is round about thee.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine; the earth also is thine; the world, and all that is therein; thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgement are the foundation of thy throne; mercy and truth go before thy face.

Blessed is the people who know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are

but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch of the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which springeth up.

In the morning it flourisheth and springeth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passing away; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; it soon passeth away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thine anger, or the terribleness of thy displeasure?

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return unto us, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Comfort us again, according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and according

to the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Let thy works appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCIII.

THE LORD reigneth: he is clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength: he hath girded himself with power.

The world also is established; it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old; thou art from everlasting.

The floods lift up, O LORD, the floods lift up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier than the voice of many waters; than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD, and bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all people.

For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the LORD, O ye families of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it cannot be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; let all the trees of the forest rejoice before the LORD.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.

His lightnings enlighten the world: the earth seeth and trembleth.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

Zion hath heard, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah are glad; because of thy judgements, O LORD.

For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he

delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things.

His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The LORD hath made known his salvation; his righteousness hath he revealed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing aloud unto the LORD, all the earth; break forth into singing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth quake.

The LORD is great in Zion, and he is high above all people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

Thou, O mighty King, who lovest justice, dost establish equity; thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud; for they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God; thou wast to them a forgiving God, though thou didst punish their transgressions.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship

at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM C.

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with a song.

Know ye that the LORD is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD; and let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call, answer me speedily.

My days are like a shadow that declineth, and I wither like grass.

But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favour her, yea, the appointed time, is come.

Then shall the nations fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their supplication.

This shall be written for those that come after, and future generations shall praise the LORD.

For he hath looked down from his sanctuary on high; from the heavens did the LORD behold the earth;

That he might hear the mournings of the captive, and release those who were doomed to death;

That they might declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

When the people shall be gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the LORD.

O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; through all generations are thy years.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of

the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgement for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses; his deeds unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him; and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye angels of his, that excel in strength; that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all ye his works, in all places of his dominion: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Thou coverest thyself with light as with a garment; thou stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Thou layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters; thou makest the clouds thy chariot; thou walkest upon the wings of the wind:

Thou makest the winds thy messengers, thy ministers a flaming fire:

Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds, which they may not pass over, nor return to cover the earth.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run between the mountains.

They give drink to every beast of the field; and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Near them the birds of heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

Thou waterest the hills from thy chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Thou makest grass to grow for cattle, and herb for the service of man.

Thou bringest forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread that giveth him strength.

Thou didst appoint the moon for seasons; and the sun knoweth the time of his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night;

wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Then man goeth forth to his work and to his labour, until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, living creatures both small and great.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan, which thou hast made to play therein.

All these wait upon thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them, they gather; thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His works are glorious and honourable, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious, and full of compassion.

He hath given food unto them that fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are verity and

judgement: all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, for they are founded in truth and justice.

He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His posterity shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Riches and plenty shall be in his house, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man sheweth favour and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

He disperseth; he giveth to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE the LORD, O ye his servants; O praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD, from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, praised be the name of the LORD.

The LORD is high above all nations, his glory is above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, he lifteth the needy out of the mire;

To seat him among princes, even among the princes of his people.

Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory; for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

Our God is in the heavens; he doeth whatsoever he pleaseth.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

They have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not:

They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.

The LORD shall increase blessings upon you more and more; upon you, and upon your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S; but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD; neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplication.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple; I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the LORD hath been gracious to thee:

Thou hast delivered my soul from death,

mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the LORD, for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people: precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them that fear the LORD now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

It is better to trust in the LORD, than to place confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD, than to place confidence in princes.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and of salvation is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD hath done valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD hath done valiantly.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected is become the chief corner-stone.

This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, we beseech thee, O LORD; O LORD, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD; we invoke a blessing upon you, ye that are of the house of the LORD.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, and I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee; suffer me not to wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I may not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgements of thy mouth.

I rejoice in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

I meditate on thy commandments, and have respect unto thy ways.

I delight myself in thy statutes; I forget not thy word.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, and I will keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep thy law; yea, I will observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Establish unto thy servant thy word, which belongeth to those who fear thee.

Turn away the reproach that I fear; for thy judgements are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy precepts; revive me in thy righteousness.

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAISE ye the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD:

Ye who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God;

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar possession.

For I know that the LORD is great, and that our LORD is above all gods.

Whatsoever the LORD pleaseth, that he doeth in heaven, and in earth, in the sea, and in all deep places.

He causeth the clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh the lightnings and the rain; he bringeth the wind from his store-houses.

Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial throughout all generations.

For the LORD maintaineth the cause of his people; he hath compassion on his servants.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods; for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the LORD of lords; for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders; for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens; for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth

above the waters; for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights; for his mercy endureth for ever.

The sun to rule by day; for his mercy endureth for ever.

The moon and the stars to rule by night; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name, for thy loving-kindness and thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy name above every other name.

In the day when I called upon thee, thou answeredst me, and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; though he be high, he beholdeth those who are afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perform all things for me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou surroundest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

Before the word is upon my tongue, lo! thou, LORD, knowest it altogether.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and my soul knoweth it well.

How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts:

And see, if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all such as are

falling; and lifteth up all those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and bountiful in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; to all them that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises unto my God, while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to

his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is therein; who keepeth truth for ever;

Who executeth judgement for the oppressed; who giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD releaseth the captives; the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

The LORD raiseth up them that are bowed down; the LORD loveth the righteous.

The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth aside.

The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the LORD; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

The LORD rebuildeth Jerusalem, and gathereth together the dispersed of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our LORD, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; who maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains;

Who giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of the horse; neither delighteth he in the force of man.

But the LORD delighteth in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he causeth the wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He maketh known his word unto Jacob;

his statutes and his judgements unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any other nation; and as for his judgements, they have not known them.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all ye his angels; praise him, all ye his hosts.

Praise him, ye sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens; and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let these praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the LORD from the earth, ye sea monsters, and all deeps:

Lightning and hail, snow and vapours, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills; fruit-bearing trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth;

Young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let these praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

He exalteth the horn of his people; he is the glory of all his saints, of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

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1. L. M.

Praise to the Creator.

1.

YE nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the Lord, your sovereign king;
Serve him with cheerful heart and voice,
With all your tongues his glory sing.

2.

The Lord is God: 'tis he alone
Doth life and breath and being give:
We are his work, and not our own,
The sheep that on his pastures live.

3.

Enter his gates with songs of joy,
With praises to his courts repair;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honours there.

4.

The Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
Great is his grace, his mercy sure;
And the whole race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

2. L. M.

Praise from all mankind.

1.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy:
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and he destroy.

2.

His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and form'd us men;
And when like wandering sheep we stray'd,
He brought us to his fold again.

3.

We are his people, we his care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame.
What lasting honours shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to thy name?

4.

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth with her ten thousand tongues
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

5.

Wide as the world is thy command,
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

3. L. M.

To the one God.

1.

ETERNAL God, almighty cause
Of earth and seas and worlds unknown!
All things are subject to thy laws,
All things depend on thee alone.

2.

Worship to thee alone belongs,
Worship to thee alone we give:
Thine be our hearts, and thine our songs,
And to thy glory may we live!

3.

Lord, spread thy name thro' heathen lands,
Their idol deities dethrone,
Subdue the world to thy commands,
And reign, as thou art, God alone.

4. P. M.

The worship of God.

1.

LORD, before thy presence come,
Bow we down with holy fear;
Call our erring footsteps home,
Let us feel that thou art near.

2.

Wandering thoughts and languid powers,
Come not where devotion kneels!
Let the soul expand her stores,
Glowing with the joy she feels.

3.

Now begin the glorious song,
Theme of wonder, love, and joy:
Angels shall the notes prolong;
Seraphs! 'tis your best employ.

5. C. M.

The sabbath of the soul.

1.

SLEEP, sleep today, tormenting cares,
Of earth and folly born!
Ye shall not dim the light that streams
From this celestial morn.

2.

Tomorrow will be time enough
To feel your harsh controul;
Ye shall not violate, this day,
The sabbath of my soul.

3.

Sleep, sleep for ever, guilty thoughts!
Let fires of vengeance die:
And, purged from sin, may I behold
A God of purity!

6. L. M.

Pleasures of public worship.

1.

HOW pleasant, how divinely fair,
O Lord of hosts, thy dwellings are!
With long desire my spirit faints
To meet the' assemblies of thy saints.

2.

Blest are the souls that find a place
Within the temple of thy grace;
There they behold thy gentler rays,
And seek thy face, and learn thy praise.

3.

Blest are the men whose hearts are set
To find the way to Zion's gate;
God is their strength, and through the road
They lean upon their helper, God.

4.

Cheerful they walk with growing strength,
Till all shall meet in heaven at length;
Till all before thy face appear,
And join in nobler worship there.

7. L. M.

The eternal sabbath.

1.

LORD of the sabbath, hear our vows,
On this thy day, in this thy house;
And own as grateful sacrifice
The songs which from thy temple rise.

2.

Thine earthly sabbaths, Lord, we love;
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our longing souls aspire
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

3.

No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin nor death shall reach the place;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
That dwell upon immortal tongues.

8. L. M.

A morning hymn.

1.

GOD of the morning, at whose voice
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And like a giant doth rejoice
To run his journey through the skies;

2.

O, like the sun, may we fulfill
The appointed duties of the day;
With ready mind and active will
March on and keep the heavenly way!

3.

Lord, thy commands are clear and pure,
Enlightening our beclouded eyes;
Thy threatenings just, thy promise sure,
Thy gospel makes the simple wise.

4.

Give us thy counsel for our guide,
And then receive us to thy bliss;
All our desires and hopes beside
Are faint and cold compared with this.

9. L. M.

The Christian sabbath.

1.

AGAIN our weekly labours end,
And we the sabbath's call attend:
Improve, my soul, the sacred rest,
And learn for ever to be blest.

2.

This day may our devotions rise
To heaven a grateful sacrifice,
And heaven that peace divine bestow
Which none but they who feel it know.

3.

In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures, pass away:
How sweet each sabbath thus to spend
In hope of that which ne'er shall end!

10. L. M.

The Christian sabbath.

1.

WE bless thee for this sacred day,
Thou who hast every blessing given,
Which sends the dreams of earth away,
And yields a glimpse of opening heaven.

2.

Rich day of holy, thoughtful rest;
May we improve thy calm repose,
And in God's service truly blest,
Forget the world, its joys and woes!

3.

Lord, may thy truth upon the heart
Now fall and dwell as heavenly dew,
And flowers of grace in freshness start
Where once the weeds of error grew!

11. L. M.

The Lord's day welcomed.

1.

HOW welcome thy returning beams,
Thou fairest morn of all the seven!
Those wake to toil, and earthly schemes;
Thou to repose, and thoughts of heaven.

2.

Come, let us join the goodly throng,
And pay to God our early vow,
Repeat his praise in cheerful song,
And at his footstool humbly bow.

3.

Nor with the sabbath's parting ray
Let us our pious zeal conclude;
But strive to know, each passing day,
Some strengthen'd grace, or sin subdued.

12. S. M.

The blessings of public worship.

1.

COME to the house of prayer,
O thou afflicted, come!
The God of peace shall meet thee there;
He makes that house his home.

2.

Come to the house of praise,
Ye who are happy now,
In sweet accord your voices raise,
Your knees together bow.

3.

Thou whose benignant eye
In mercy looks on all,
Who see'st the tear of misery,
And hear'st the mourner's call,

4.

Up to thy dwelling-place
Bear our frail spirits on,
Till they outstrip time's tardy pace,
And heaven on earth be won.

13. S. M.

For the Lord's day.

1.

THE work, O Lord, is thine,
And wondrous in our eyes;
This day proclaims it all divine,
This day did Jesus rise.

2.

We hail the glorious day
With thankful heart and voice,
Which chased each painful doubt away
And bade the church rejoice.

3.

O come the happy hour,
When all the earth shall own
Thy Son, O God, declared with power,
And worship at thy throne!

14. S. M.

Singing in the ways of God.

1.

NOW let our voices join
To form one pleasant song:
Ye pilgrims in Jehovah's ways,
With music pass along.

2.

How straight the path appears!
How open and how fair!
No lurking snares to' entrap our feet,
No fierce destroyer there:

3.

But flowers of paradise
In rich profusion spring:
The sun of glory gilds the path,
And dear companions sing.

4.

All honour to his name
Who led the shining way;
Whose word of promise cheers the path,
And leads to endless day!

15. L. M.

Acceptable worship.

1.

O FATHER, though the anxious fear
May cloud tomorrow's doubtful way,
Nor fear nor doubt shall enter here,
All shall be thine at least today.

2.

We will not bring divided hearts
To worship at thy sacred shrine;
But each unholy thought departs,
And leaves the temple wholly thine.

3.

O Father, God below, above,
Man's noblest work is praising thee;
Thy spirit o'er our hearts shall move,
And tune them all to harmony.

16. L. M.

A morning hymn.

1.

IN sleep's serene oblivion laid,
We safely pass'd the silent night;
Again we see the breaking shade,
Again we drink the morning light.

2.

A deeper shade shall soon impend,
A deeper sleep our eyes oppress;
Still shall thy strength, O God, defend,
Thy goodness still delight to bless.

3.

That deeper shade shall break away,
That deeper sleep shall leave our eyes;
Thy light shall give eternal day;
Thy love, the rapture of the skies.

17. C. M.

The Lord's-day morning.

1.

AGAIN the Lord of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray,
Unseals the eyelids of the morn,
And pours increasing day.

2.

O what a night was that which wrapt
The heathen world in gloom;
O what a sun which broke this day
Triumphant from the tomb!

3.

This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung;
Let gladness dwell in every heart,
And praise on every tongue.

4.

Ten thousand differing lips shall join
To hail this welcome morn,
Which scatters blessings from its wings
To nations yet unborn.

18. L. M.

A noon-day hymn.

1.

LOOK up to heaven! the industrious sun
Already half his race hath run:
He cannot halt, nor go astray,
But our immortal spirits may.

2.

Lord, since his rising in the east,
If we have falter'd or transgress'd,
Guide, from thy love's abundant source,
What yet remains of this day's course:

3.

Help with thy grace, thro' life's short day,
Our upward and our downward way;
And glorify for us the west,
When we shall sink to final rest.

19. C. M.

Pure and acceptable worship.

1.

O THOU to whom all praise belongs,
Thou Lord and Judge alone,
Say, what shall consecrate our songs?
What waft them to thy throne?

2.

Upon thine all-discerning ear
Let no vain words intrude;
No tribute but the vow sincere,
The tribute of the good.

3.

My offerings will indeed be blest
  If sanctified by thee,
If thy pure spirit touch my breast
  With its own purity.

4.

O may that spirit warm my heart
  To piety and love,
And to life's lowly vale impart
  Some rays from heaven above!

20. L. M.

Hymn for morning or evening.

1.

GREAT God, how endless is thy love!
  Thy gifts are every evening new;
And morning mercies from above
Gently distil like early dew.

2.

Thou spread'st the curtains of the night,
Great guardian of our sleeping hours!
Thy sovereign word restores the light,
And quickens all our drowsy powers.

3.

We yield our powers to thy command;
To thee we consecrate our days;
Perpetual blessings from thy hand
Demand perpetual songs of praise.

21. C. M.

Prayer.

1.

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
Utter'd, or unexpress'd;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

2.

Prayer is the burthen of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

3.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

4.

O thou by whom we come to God,
The life, the truth, the way!
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

22. C. M.

Restoration of pure worship.

1.

THE nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

2.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
  Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
  Look down on mortal men.

3.

For great art thou, and wonders great
  By thy strong hand are done;
Thou in thy everlasting seat
  Remainest God alone.

23. C. M.

For the Lord's day.

1.

THIS is the day the Lord of life
  Ascended to the skies;
My soul, pursue the lofty theme,
  And to the heavens arise.

2.

Let no vain cares divert my mind
  From this celestial road,
Nor all the honours of the earth
  Detain my soul from God.

3.

Think on the splendours of that place,
  The joys that are on high;
Nor meanly rest contented here
  With worlds beneath the sky.

24. L. M.

Public worship.

1.

FATHER of all, where shall we find
A temple suited to thy praise?
To thee, the uncreated Mind,
What earthly altar shall we raise?

2.

We'll call a multitude around,
And gladly seek the house of prayer;
There thy salvation we have found,
And still, O God, we'll seek it there.

3.

From breast to breast the holy flame
Shall kindle round the sacred place;
At once we'll hymn our Father's name,
At once we'll seek our Father's face.

4.

There, heavenly Father, condescend
To meet us with peculiar love;
And when the hymns of earth shall end,
We'll give thee nobler hymns above.

25. S. M.

Invitation to praise God.

1.

COME, sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing;
Jehovah is the sovereign God,
The universal king.

2.

He form'd the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all his own,
And all the solid ground.

3.

Come, worship at his throne;
Come, bow before the Lord:
We are his work, and not our own;
He form'd us by his word.

4.

Today attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod;
Come, like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.

26. P. M.

Humble adoration.

1.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord!
Be thy glorious name adored!
Lord, thy mercies never fail;
Hail, celestial goodness, hail!

2.

Though unworthy, Lord, thine ear,
Humble hallelujahs hear;
Purer praise we hope to bring
When around thy throne we sing.

3.

There no tongue shall silent be;
All shall join in harmony;
And through heaven's all-spacious round
Praise to thee shall ever sound.

4.

Lord, thy mercies never fail;
Hail, celestial goodness, hail!
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Be thy glorious name adored!

27. C. M.

Homage and devotion.

1.

WITH sacred joy we lift our eyes
To those bright realms above,
That glorious temple in the skies
Where dwells eternal love.

2.

Before the awful throne we bow
Of heaven's almighty king;
Here we present the solemn vow,
And hymns of praise we sing.

3.

Thee we adore, and, Lord, to thee
Our filial duty pay:
Thy service, unconstrain'd and free,
Conducts to endless day.

4.

With fervour teach our hearts to pray,
And tune our lips to sing;
Nor from thy presence cast away
The sacrifice we bring.

28. C. M.

Divine blessing invoked.

1.

ETERNAL source of life and light,
Supremely good and wise,
To thee we bring our grateful vows,
To thee lift up our eyes.

2.

Our dark and erring minds illume
With truth's celestial rays;
Inspire our hearts with sacred love,
And tune our lips to praise.

3.

Safely conduct us by thy grace
Through life's perplexing road;
And place us, when that journey's o'er,
At thy right hand, O God!

29. C. M.

Reverential worship.

1.

SING to the Lord Jehovah's name,
And in his strength rejoice;
When his salvation is our theme,
Exalted be our voice.

2.

With thanks approach his awful sight,
And psalms of honour sing;
The Lord's a God of boundless might,
The whole creation's king.

3.

Earth, with its caverns dark and deep,
Lies in his spacious hand:
He fix'd the seas what bounds to keep,
And where the hills must stand.

4.

Come, and with humble souls adore;
Come, kneel before his face;
O may the creatures of his power
Be children of his grace!

30. L. M.

Praise to the Creator.

1.

ALL hail to him who sits on high!
To him your cheerful voices raise;
To him, the Ruler of the sky,
Be glory, honour, love, and praise.

2.

Ye wise, ye good, in age, in youth,
The song of joy O never cease!
His words are all the words of truth,
And all his paths the paths of peace.

3.

When all the fair creation lay
Involved in universal night,
He spake the word, and all was day;
He spake the word, and all was light.

4.

All hail, Jehovah, King and God!
Ye nations all, adore his name:
With awe approach his high abode,
With thanks, with joy, with loud acclaim.

31. L. M.

Hymn to the Deity.

1.

GREATEST of beings, source of life,
Sovereign of air and earth and sea!
All nature feels thy power, and all
A silent homage pay to thee.

2.

But man was form'd to rise to heaven;
And, blest with reason's clearer light,
He views his Maker through his works,
And glows with rapture at the sight.

3.

Nor can the thousand songs that rise,
Whether from air or earth or sea,
So well repeat Jehovah's praise,
Or raise such sacred harmony.

4.

Greatest of beings, source of life,
Sovereign of air and earth and sea!
All nature feels thy power, but man
A grateful tribute pays to thee.

32. P. M.

Praise to the mighty God.

1.

MIGHTY God! while angels bless thee,
May an infant lisp thy name?
Lord of men as well as angels,
Thou art every creature's theme.

2.

For the grandeur of thy nature,
Grand beyond a seraph's thought;
For created works of power,
Works with skill and kindness wrought.

3.

For thy providence, that governs
Through thine empire's wide domain,
Wings an angel, guides a sparrow,
Blessed be thy gentle reign.

4.

But thy rich, thy free redemption,
Dark through brightness all along;
Thought is poor, and poor expression:
Who dare sing that awful song?

33. P. M.

Praise to God.

1.

O PRAISE ye the Lord, prepare a new song,
And let all his saints in full concert join;
With voices united the anthem prolong,
And show forth his honours in music divine.

2.

Let praises to God our maker ascend,
Let each grateful heart exult in its king;
For God whom we worship our songs will attend,
And view with complacence the offering we bring.

3.

Be joyful, ye saints, sustain'd by his might,
And let your glad songs awake with each morn;
For those who obey him are still his delight;
His hand with salvation the meek will adorn.

4.

Then praise ye the Lord, prepare a new song,
And let all his saints in full concert join;
With voices united the anthem prolong,
And show forth his honours in music divine.

34. P. M.

Universal praise.

1.

PRAISE to thee, thou great Creator!
Praise be thine from every tongue;
Join, my soul, with every creature,
Join the universal song.

2.

Father, source of all compassion!
Pure unbounded grace is thine:
Hail, the God of our salvation!
Praise him for his love divine.

3.

For ten thousand blessings given,
For the hope of future joy,
Sound his praise through earth and heaven,
Sound Jehovah's praise on high.

4.

Joyfully on earth adore him,
Till in heaven our song we raise;
There enraptured fall before him,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

35. S. M.

Praise to God from all nations.

1.

YE nations, praise the Lord,
Each with a different tongue;
In every language learn his word
And let his name be sung.

2.

Praise him with awe profound;
Let knowledge lead the song;
Nor mock him with a solemn sound
Upon a thoughtless tongue.

3.

Far be his honour spread,
And let his praise endure
Till morning light and evening shade
Shall be exchanged no more.

36. S. M.

The works and law of God.

1.

BEHOLD, the lofty sky
Declares its maker, God;
And all his starry works on high
Proclaim his power abroad.

2.

The darkness and the light
Still keep their course the same;
While night to day and day to night
Divinely teach his name.

3.

In every different land
Their general voice is known;
They show the wonders of his hand,
And orders of his throne.

4.

His laws are just and pure,
His truth without deceit,
His promises for ever sure,
And his rewards are great.

37. P. M.

Praise to God.

1.

LIFT your voice, ye people all,
Praise the God on whom ye call;
Glory give to God on high,
God, whose glory fills the sky.

2.

God his sovereign sway maintains;
King o'er all the earth he reigns;
All to him lift up their eye;
He doth every want supply.

3.

Happy who his laws obey!
Them he rules with milder sway:
Pure and holy hearts alone
He hath chosen for his own.

4.

Him, whose joy is to restore,
Him let all our hearts adore:
Earth and heaven repeat the cry,
'Glory be to God on high!'

38. C. M.

God our constant benefactor.

1.

GREAT God, to thee our grateful tongues
United thanks shall raise;
Inspire our hearts to tune the songs
Which celebrate thy praise.

2.

Thy power, our ever present guard,
From every ill defends;
While numerous dangers hover round,
Our help from thee descends.

3.

Beneath the shadow of thy wings
How sweet is our repose!
The morning light renews the springs
From whence our comfort flows.

4.

In celebration of thy praise
May we employ our breath!
And, walking steadfast in thy ways,
We'll triumph over death.

39. P. M.

God to be praised for his wisdom and goodness.

1.

LET us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2.

Let us sound his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God;
Who by wisdom did create
The painted heavens so full of state;

3.

Did the solid earth ordain
How to rise above the main;
Who by his commanding might
Fill'd the new-made world with light;

4.

Caused the golden-tressed sun
All the day his course to run;
And the moon to shine by night
'Mid her spangled sisters bright.

5.

All his creatures God doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need;
Let us, therefore, warble forth
His high majesty and worth.

40. L. M.

God adored for his goodness.

1.

GREAT God, we sing that mighty hand
By which supported still we stand:
The opening years thy mercy show;
That mercy crowns them as they flow.

2.

By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still are we guarded by our God;
By his incessant bounty fed,
By his unerring counsel led.

3.

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before thy feet.

4.

In scenes exalted or deprest,
Thou art our joy, and thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

41. L. M.

To God our protector.

1.

HE that hath made his refuge God
Shall find a most secure abode;
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,
And safe at night shall rest his head.

2.

He guides our feet, he guards our way,
His morning smiles bless all the day;
He spreads the evening veil, and keeps
The silent hours while nature sleeps.

3.

Up to the hills I lift mine eyes,
The eternal hills beyond the skies;
Thence all her help my soul derives,
There my almighty refuge lives.

4.

He lives, the everlasting God,
Who built the world and spread the flood;
He lives, and by his heavenly care
Preserves my life from every snare.

42. S. M.

Praise for spiritual and temporal mercies.

1.

O BLESS the Lord, my soul;
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favours are divine.

2.

O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

3.

'Tis he forgives thy sins,
'Tis he relieves thy pain;
'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses,
And makes thee young again.

4.

He crowns thy life with love
When rescued from the grave;
He that redeem'd my soul from death
Hath sovereign power to save.

43. P. M.

(*Psalm* 23.)

1.

THE Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noon-day walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

2.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary wandering steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

3.

Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord, art with me still;
Thy friendly hand shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

44. C. M.

Praise to God through all the changes of life.

1.

FATHER of mercies! God of love!
My Father and my God!
I'll sing the honours of thy name,
And spread thy praise abroad.

2.

In every period of my life
Thy kindest thoughts appear;
Thy mercies gild each transient scene,
And crown each circling year.

3.

In every varying mortal state,
Each bright, each gloomy scene,
Give me a meek and humble mind,
Still equal and serene.

4.

Then could I close mine eyes in death
Without one anxious fear;
For death itself is life, my God!
If thou art with me there.

45. S. M.

Obligation to gratitude and praise.

1.

MY Maker and my King!
To thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
From whence my blessings flow.

2.

Thou ever good and kind!
A thousand reasons move,
A thousand obligations bind
My heart to grateful love.

3.

The creature of thy hand,
On thee alone I live:
My God! thy benefits demand
More praise than life can give.

4.

O let thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let all my powers to thee aspire,
And all my days be thine.

46. C. M.

Joy and prosperity from the blessing of God.

1.

SHINE on our souls, eternal God,
With rays of beauty shine;
O let thy favour crown our days,
And all their round be thine.

2.

Did we not raise our hearts to thee,
Our hands might toil in vain:
Small joy success itself would give
If thou thy love restrain.

3.

With thee let every week begin,
  With thee each day be spent,
For thee each fleeting hour improved,
  Since each by thee is lent.

4.

Thus cheer us through this desert road
  Till all our labours cease,
And heaven refresh our weary souls
  With everlasting peace.

47. P. M.

Praise to God for the blessings of his providence.

1.

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
  For the love that crowns our days:
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ;

2.

For the blessings of the field,
For the stores the gardens yield,
For the vine's exalted juice,
For the generous olive's use.

3.

Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripen'd grain,
Clouds that drop their fattening dews,
Suns that temperate warmth diffuse:

4.

All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land;
All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores:

5.

These to thee, O God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

48. L. M.

God the author of our comfort and hopes.

1.

GREAT source of life, our souls confess
The various riches of thy grace;
Crown'd with thy mercy we rejoice,
And in thy praise exalt our voice.

2.

By thee heaven's shining arch was spread,
By thee were earth's foundations laid;
And all the charms of man's abode
Proclaim the wise, the gracious God.

3.

Thy tender hand restores our breath
When trembling on the verge of death;
Gently it wipes away our tears,
And lengthens life to future years.

4.

Our lives are sacred to the Lord,
Kindled by him, by him restored ;
And while our hours renew their race,
Still would we walk before his face.

49. P. M.

The acceptable offering.

1.

FATHER of our feeble race,
Wise, beneficent, and kind,
Spread o'er nature's ample face
Flows thy goodness unconfined :
Musing in the silent grove,
Or the busy walks of men,
Still we trace thy wondrous love,
Claiming large returns again.

2.

Lord, what offering shall we bring,
At thine altars when we bow ?
Hearts, the pure unsullied spring
Whence the kind affections flow ;
Soft compassion's feeling soul,
By the melting eye express'd ;
Sympathy, at whose controul,
Sorrow leaves the wounded breast ;

3.

Willing hands to lead the blind,
Bind the wounded, feed the poor;
Love, embracing all our kind;
Charity, with liberal store.
Teach us, O thou heavenly King,
Thus to show our grateful mind,
Thus the accepted offering bring,
Love to thee and all mankind.

50. L. M.

Devotion vain without virtue.

1.

THE uplifted eye and bended knee
Are but vain homage, Lord, to thee;
In vain our lips thy praise prolong,
The heart a stranger to the song.

2.

The pure, the humble, contrite mind,
Thankful, and to thy will resign'd,
To thee a nobler offering yields
Than Sheba's groves or Sharon's fields.

3.

"Be just and kind"—that great command
Doth on eternal pillars stand;
This did thine ancient prophets teach,
And this thy well-beloved preach.

51. C. M.

Habitual devotion.

1.

WHILE thee I seek, protecting Power,
Be my vain wishes still'd;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be fill'd!

2.

In each event of life how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear
Because conferr'd by thee.

3.

In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

4.

My lifted eye, without a tear,
The lowering storm shall see;
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;
That heart will rest on thee.

52. C. M.

God at all times to be praised.

1.

MY soul shall bless thee, O my God,
Through all my mortal days,
And to eternity prolong
Thy vast, thy boundless praise.

2.

In every smiling happy hour
  Be this my sweet employ;
Thy praise refines my earthly bliss,
  And brightens all my joy.

3.

When gloomy care and keen distress
  Afflict my throbbing breast,
My tongue shall learn to speak thy praise,
  And lull each pain to rest.

4.

Nor shall my tongue alone proclaim
  The honours of my God;
My life with all its active powers
  Shall spread thy praise abroad.

53. L. M.

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer.

1.

FATHER, adored in worlds above,
  Thy glorious name be hallow'd still;
Thy kingdom come with power and love,
And earth like heaven obey thy will.

2.

Lord, make our daily wants thy care;
Forgive the sins which we forsake;
O let us in thy kindness share,
As fellow-men of ours partake!

3.

Evils beset us every hour;
Thy kind protection we implore:
Thine is the kingdom, thine the power,
Be thine the glory evermore!

54. L. M.

Religious worship.

1.

SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
To praise thy name, give thanks, and sing;
To show thy love by morning light,
And talk of all thy truth at night.

2.

Sweet is the day of sacred rest,
When earthly cares forsake the breast;
When our best powers to God we raise,
And the whole heart's attuned to praise.

3.

O may we walk with growing strength,
Till all shall meet in heaven at length;
Till all before thy face appear,
And join in nobler worship there!

55. P. M.

Rest to be found in the peace of God.

1.

FORTH from the dark and stormy sky,
Lord, to thine altar's shade we fly:
Forth from the world, its hope and fear,
Father, we seek thy shelter here:
Weary and weak, thy grace we pray;
Gild with thy peace our troubled way.

2.

Long have we roam'd in want and pain,
Long have we sought our rest in vain;
Wilder'd in doubt, in darkness lost,
Long have our souls been tempest-toss'd:
Low at thy feet our sins we lay;
Gild with thy peace our troubled way.

56. L. M.

Prayer for grace.

1.

O KING of earth and air and sea,
The hungry ravens cry to thee;
And all the scaly tribes that sweep
The bosom of the boundless deep.

2.

Thy bounteous hand with food can bless
The bleak and lonely wilderness;
And thou hast taught us, Lord, to pray
For daily bread from day to day.

3.

And oh! when through the wilds we roam
That part us from our heavenly home;
When lost in danger, want, and woe,
Our faithless tears begin to flow;

4.

Do thou thy gracious comfort give,
By which alone the soul may live;
And grant thy servants, Lord, we pray,
The bread of life from day to day.

57. C. M.

Prayer for the influence of religion.

1.

O GOD of truth, on this thy day
To thee for help we cry,
To guide us through the dreary way
Of dark mortality.

2.

We mourn not that prophetic skill
Is found on earth no more;
Enough for us to trace thy will
In Scripture's sacred lore.

3.

No heavenly harpings soothe our ear,
No mystic dreams we share,
Yet hope to feel thy comfort near,
And bless thee in our prayer.

4.

When tongues shall cease, and power decay
And knowledge empty prove,
Do thou thy trembling servants stay
With faith, with hope, with love.

58. C. M.

The prayer of the afflicted.

1.

O GOD, that madest earth and heaven,
The darkness and the day,
Give ear to this thy family,
And help us when we pray.

2.

The cross our Master bore for us
For him we fain would bear;
But mortal strength to weakness turns,
And courage to despair.

3.

Then mercy on our failings, Lord,
Our sinking faith renew;
And when thy sorrows visit us,
O send thy patience too.

59. C. M.

The power of prayer.

1.

LET me not wander comfortless,
My Father, far from thee,
But still, beneath thy guardian wing,
In holy quiet be.

2.

The storms of grief, the tears of woe,
  Soothed by thy love, shall cease,
And all the trembling spirit breathe
  A deep unbroken peace.

3.

The power of prayer shall o'er me shed
  A soft celestial calm ;
Sweeter than evening's twilight dews,
  My soul shall drink its balm.

4.

For there the still small voice shall speak
  Thy great, thy boundless love ;
And angel forms the mourner call
  To the bright realms above.

60. C. M.

Prayer for divine aid.

1.

FATHER in heaven, to whom my heart
  Would lift itself in prayer,
Drive from my soul each earthly thought,
  And show thy presence there.

2.

Each moment of my life renews
  The mercies of the Lord ;
Each moment is itself a gift
  To bear me on to God.

3.

Help me to break the galling chains
This world has round me thrown,
Each passion of my heart subdue,
Each darling sin disown.

4.

O Father, kindle in my breast
A never-dying flame
Of holy love, of grateful trust
In thine almighty name.

61. C. M.

Secret devotion.

1.

FATHER divine, thy piercing eye
Shoots through the darkest night;
In deep retirement thou art nigh,
With heart-discerning sight.

2.

There shall that piercing eye survey
My duteous homage paid,
With every morning's dawning ray,
And every evening shade.

3.

And may the visits of thy love
My soul in secret bless;
And do thou deign, in worlds above,
Thy suppliant to confess.

62. C. M.

Religious retirement.

1.

FAR from the world, O Lord, I flee
From strife and tumult far;
From scenes where sin is waging still
Its most successful war.

2.

The calm retreat, the silent shade,
With prayer and praise agree,
And seem by thy sweet bounty made
For those who follow thee.

3.

There if thy spirit touch the soul,
And grace her mean abode,
O with what peace and joy and love
She communes with her God!

4.

Author and guardian of my life,
Sweet source of light divine,
And all harmonious names in one,
My Father,—thou art mine.

63. P. M.

Pure worship on earth and in heaven.

1.

O FATHER, with benignant care
Meet us in this thy house of prayer;
Assembled in his sacred name
Who taught us how thy grace to claim.

2.

But chiefest, in our cleansed breast,
Eternal! let thy spirit rest;
And make our secret soul to be
A temple pure, and worthy thee.

3.

So, in the last and awful day,
When earth and heaven shall melt away,
Thy flock, released from sin and pain,
Shall swell the song of praise again.

64. P. M.

The visible creation the shadow of the invisible.

1.

I PRAISED the earth, in beauty seen,
With garlands gay of various green;
I praised the sea, whose ample field
Shone glorious as a silver shield:
And earth and ocean seem'd to say,
"Our beauties are but for a day."

2.

I praised the sun, whose chariot roll'd
On wheels of amber and of gold;
I praised the moon, whose softer eye
Gleam'd sweetly through the summer sky:
And moon and sun in answer said,
"Our days of light are numbered."

3.

O God, O Good beyond compare,
If thus thy meaner works are fair,
If thus thy bounties gild the span
Of wasting earth and sinful man,
How glorious must the mansion be
Where thy redeem'd shall dwell with thee!

65. L. M.

God seen in everything.

1.

THERE's nothing bright above, below,
From flowers that bloom to stars that glow,
But in its light, O Lord, we see
Some feature of thy deity.

2.

There's nothing dark below, above,
But in its gloom we trace thy love,
And meekly wait that moment when
Thy touch shall turn all bright again.

66. P. M.

Prayer for mercy in spiritual need.

1.

LORD, have mercy when we pray
Strength to seek a better way;
When our wakening thoughts begin
First to loathe their cherish'd sin;

When our humbled spirits fail,
And our aching brows are pale;
When our tears bedew thy word,
Then, O then have mercy, Lord!

2.

Lord, have mercy when we know
First how vain this world below;
When its darker thoughts oppress,
Doubts perplex, and fears distress.
When the earliest gleam is given
Of that bright and distant heaven
Whither trembling faith hath soar'd,
Then, O then have mercy, Lord!

67. L. M.

Rejoicing in the divine presence.

1.

FATHER and Friend, thy light, thy love,
Beaming through all thy works we see;
Thy glory gilds the heavens above,
And all the earth is full of thee.

2.

Thy voice we hear, thy presence feel;
Whilst thou, too pure for mortal sight,
Involved in clouds, invisible,
Reignest the Lord of life and light.

3.

We know not in what hallow'd part
Of the wide heavens thy throne may be;
But this we know, that where thou art,
Strength, wisdom, goodness dwell with thee.

4.

Thy children shall not faint nor fear,
Sustain'd by this delightful thought;
Since thou, their God, art everywhere,
They cannot be where thou art not.

68. C. M.

The wisdom of God in his works.

1.

SONGS of immortal praise belong
To my almighty God;
He has my heart, and he my tongue
To spread his name abroad.

2.

How great the works his hand has wrought!
How glorious in our sight!
And men in every age have sought
His wonders with delight.

3.

Nature and time, and earth and skies,
His heavenly skill proclaim;
What shall we do to make us wise
But learn to read his name?

4.

To fear his power, to trust his grace,
  Is our divinest skill,
And he's the wisest of our race
  That best obeys his will.

69. P. M.

The glory of God reflected in his works.

1.

THOU art, O God, the life and light
  Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night
Are but reflections caught from thee;
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are thine.

2.

When day, with farewell beams, delays
Among the opening clouds of even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through golden vistas into heaven;
Those hues that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord, are thine.

70. L. M.

A morning hymn.

1.

WHEN morning dawns, my soul reveres
  The great First Cause that bade the spheres
  In tuneful order move:
Thine is the sable-mantled night,
Unseen Almighty, and the light
  The radiance of thy love.

2.

Hark! the awaken'd grove repays
With melody the genial rays;
  And echo spreads the strain.
The streams in grateful murmur run,
The bleating flocks salute the sun,
  And music glads the plain.

3.

Happy the man whose tranquil mind
Sees Nature in her changes kind,
  And pleased the whole surveys;
For him the morn benignly smiles,
And evening shades reward the toils
  That measure out his days.

4.

The varying year may shift the scene,
The sounding tempest lash the main,
  And Heaven's own thunders roll;
Resign'd he views the bursting storm,
Tempests nor thunder can deform
  The morning of his soul.

71. L. M.

The voice of nature.

1.

THE spacious firmament on high,
  With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.

2.

The' unwearied sun from day to day
Doth his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

3.

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth:

4.

Whilst all the stars which round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

72. C. M.

God hearing prayer.

1.

LET every tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sovereign Lord of all;
Thy strengthening hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

2.

When sorrow bows the spirit down,
Or virtue lies distrest
Beneath some proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the mourners rest.

3.

The Lord supports our tottering days,
And guides our giddy youth:
Holy and just are all his ways,
And all his words are truth.

4.

He knows the pain his servants feel,
He hears his children cry,
And their best wishes to fulfill
His grace is ever nigh.

73. C. M.

Gratitude to God.

1.

WHEN all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

2.

Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death in distant worlds
The glorious theme renew.

3.

When nature fails, and day and night
Divide thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercy shall adore.

4.

Through all eternity to thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
For oh! eternity alone
Can utter all thy praise.

74. L. M.

All creatures dependent upon God.

1.

VAST are thy works, almighty Lord;
All nature rests upon thy word;
And the whole race of creatures stand
Waiting their portion from thy hand.

2.

But when thy face is hid they mourn,
And, dying, to their dust return:
Both man and beast their souls resign;
Life, breath, and spirit, all are thine.

3.

Yet thou canst breathe on dust again,
And fill the world with beasts and men:
A word of thy creating breath
Repairs the wastes of time and death.

4.

In thee my hopes and wishes meet,
And make my meditations sweet:
Thy praises shall my breath employ,
Till it expire in endless joy.

75. P. M.

Gratitude to God for his constant goodness.

1.

GREAT source of unexhausted good,
Who giv'st us health and friends and food,
And peace and calm content;
Like fragrant incense, to the skies
Let songs of grateful praises rise
For all thy blessings lent.

2.

Through all the dangers of the day
Thy providence attends our way,
To guard us and to guide;
Thy grace directs our wandering will,
And warns us, lest seducing ill
Allure our souls aside.

3.

Thy smiles with a reviving light
Cheer the long darksome hours of night,
And gild the thickest gloom;
Thy watchful love around our bed
Doth softly like a curtain spread,
And guard the peaceful room.

4.

To thee our lives, our all we owe,
Our peace and sweetest joys below,
And brighter hopes above;
Then let our lives, and all that's ours,
Our souls, and all our active powers,
Be sacred to thy love.

76. C. M.

God the refuge of his servants.

1.

HOW are thy servants blest, O Lord!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help omnipotence.

2.

Thy mercy sweetens every soil,
Makes every region please;
The hoary alpine hills it warms,
And smooths the boisterous seas.

3.

The storm is laid, the winds retire,
Obedient to thy will;
The sea, that roars at thy command,
At thy command is still.

4.

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

5.

My life, if thou preserve my life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And O may death, when death shall come,
Unite my soul to thee!

77. L. M.

The universal providence of God.

1.

THE earth and all the heavenly frame
Their great Creator's love proclaim:
He gives the sun his genial power,
And sends the soft refreshing shower.

2.

The ground with plenty blooms again,
And yields her various fruits to men;
To men, who from his bounteous hand
Receive the gifts of every land.

3.

Nor to the human race alone
Is his paternal goodness shown:
The tribes of earth and sea and air
Enjoy his universal care.

4.

Not even a sparrow yields its breath
Till God permit the stroke of death;
He hears the ravens when they call:
The father and the friend of all.

78. L. M.

The bounty of Providence.

1.

FATHER of lights, we sing thy name,
Who kindlest up the lamp of day;
Wide as he spreads his golden flame,
His beams thy power and love display.

2.

Through the wide world thy bounties spread;
Yet millions of our guilty race,
Though by thy daily bounty fed,
Affront thy law and spurn thy grace.

3.

Not so may our forgetful hearts
O'erlook the tokens of thy care;
But what thy liberal hand imparts,
Still own in praise, still ask in prayer!

4.

So shall our suns more grateful shine,
And showers in richer drops will fall,
When all our hearts and lives are thine,
And thou, O God, enjoy'd in all.

79. L. M.

The blessings of the year, the gift of Providence.

1.

THE morn and eve thy praise resound,
Lord, as they walk the'ethereal round;
Thy visits teach the grateful soil
To recompense the labourer's toil.

2.

The clouds in frequent showers distill'd
Drop fatness on the fruitful field,
Break the rough glebe, the furrows cheer,
And crown with good the smiling year.

3.

The pastures of the' extended waste,
Thy gifts in rich profusion taste;
The hills around exulting stand,
And show the bounty of thy hand.

4.

Cherish'd at length by lenient skies,
Herbage and corn luxuriant rise:
The laughing vale assumes a tongue
And bursts triumphant into song.

80. L. M.

Praise for the blessings of Providence.

1.

PRAISE ye the Lord; 'tis good to raise
Our hearts and voices in his praise;
His nature and his works invite
To make this duty our delight.

2.

He form'd the stars, those heavenly flames,
He counts their numbers, calls their names,
His wisdom's vast and knows no bound,
A deep where all our thoughts are drown'd.

3.

He makes the grass the hills adorn,
And clothes the smiling fields with corn;
The beasts with food his hands supply,
And the young ravens when they cry.

4.

His saints are lovely in his sight ;
He views his children with delight ;
He sees their hope, he knows their fear,
And looks, and loves his image there.

81. L. M.

God known by his works.

1.

GREAT is our God ; his works of might
To praise his glorious name unite ;
Heaven, earth, and sea confess his hand,
And wait obedient his command.

2.

His hand, unseen, sustains the poles
On which the vast creation rolls ;
The starry skies proclaim his power,
His pencil glows in every flower.

3.

In various shapes and colours rise
Ten thousand wonders to our eyes ;
And birds, that sing with labouring throat,
Teach us a God in every note.

4.

Across the waves, around the sky,
There's not a place, or deep or high,
Where the Creator has not trod,
And left the footsteps of a God.

82. C. M.

The infinity of God.

1.

SOME seraph, lend your heavenly tongue,
Or harp of golden string,
That I may raise a lofty song
To our eternal king.

2.

Thy names how infinite they be,
Great Everlasting One!
Boundless thy might and majesty,
And unconfined thy throne.

3.

The mysteries of creation lie
Beneath enlightened minds:
Thoughts can ascend above the sky,
Or fly before the winds:

4.

Reason may grasp the massy hills,
And stretch from pole to pole:
But half thy name our spirit fills,
And overwhelms our soul.

83. L. M.

The dominion of God.

1.

KINGDOMS and thrones to God belong;
Crown him, ye nations, in your song;
His wondrous names and powers rehearse,
His honours shall enrich your verse.

2.

His name Jehovah sounds on high:
He rides and thunders through the sky:
Ye saints, rejoice before his face,
Exalt the wonders of his grace.

3.

The widow and the fatherless
Fly to his aid in deep distress:
In him the poor and helpless find
A judge that's just, a father kind.

4.

Proclaim him king, pronounce him blest;
He's your defence, your joy, your rest:
When terrors rise, and nations faint,
God is the strength of every saint.

84. S. M.

God's sovereignty and goodness to man.

1.

O LORD, our heavenly king,
Thy name is all divine:
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heavens they shine.

2.

When to thy works above
We raise our wondering eyes,
And see the moon, complete in light,
Adorn the darksome skies;

3.

When we survey the stars,
That fill the vaulted sky;
Lord, what is man, that he should stand
In thy regards so high?

4.

Or what the son of man,
That he should be thy care,
And in the bounties of thy grace
Possess so large a share?

5.

How rich thy favours are!
And wondrous are thy ways:
Of dust and worms thy power can frame
A monument of praise.

85. L. M.

God's providence a source of joy.

1.

GREAT God, beneath whose piercing eye
The earth's extended kingdoms lie,
Whose favouring smile upholds them all,
Whose anger smites them, and they fall:

2.

We bow before thy heavenly throne;
Thy power we see, thy goodness own;
Yet, listening to thy milder voice,
Our bosoms tremble and rejoice.

3.

Safe under thine unerring aid,
Secure the paths of life we tread;
And freely as the vital air
Thy first and noblest bounties share.

4.

O God, our guardian and our friend,
O still thy sheltering arm extend;
Preserved by thee for ages past,
For ages let thy kindness last.

86. L. M.

Divine power and goodness.

1.

SERVANTS of God, in joyful lays
Sing ye the Lord Jehovah's praise;
His glorious name let all adore
From age to age, for evermore.

2.

There's none like God, so great, so high;
He bows himself to view the sky;
Yet ever with paternal grace
Looks down upon the human race.

3.

He hears the uncomplaining moan
Of those who sit and weep alone;
He lifts the mourner from the dust,
And saves the poor in him that trust.

4.

Servants of God, in joyful lays
Sing ye the Lord Jehovah's praise;
His saving name let all adore
From age to age, for evermore.

87. L. M.

The greatness of God.

1.

MY God, my King, thy various praise
Shall fill the remnant of my days,
Thy grace employ my humble tongue
Till death and glory raise the song.

2.

The wings of every hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear,
And every setting sun shall see
New works of duty done for thee.

3.

Thy works with sovereign glory shine,
And speak thy majesty divine:
May all thy people make my song
The joy and labour of their tongue.

4.

But who can speak thy wondrous deeds?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds:
Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
Vast and immortal be thy praise.

88. C. M.

The perfections and providence of God.

1.

WE sing the'almighty power of God,
Who bade the mountains rise;
Who spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

2.

We sing the wisdom that ordain'd
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.

3.

We sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who fills the earth with food;
Who form'd the creatures with his word,
And then pronounced them good.

4.

Lord, how thy wonders are display'd
Where'er we turn our eyes;
Whether we view the ground we tread
Or gaze upon the skies!

89. C. M.

All things made for God.

1.

GREAT first of beings, mighty Lord
Of all this mighty frame,
Produced by thy creating word,
The world from nothing came.

2.

For thee the sun dispenses heat,
  And beams of cheering light;
The distant stars in order set
  Break through the shades of night.

3.

For thee the earth its produce yields,
  For thee the waters flow;
And plants and trees adorn the fields,
  And ALL thy goodness show.

4.

Let us too, Lord, with zeal pursue
  This wise and noble end,
That all we think and all we do
  May to thy glory tend.

90. L. M.

Man dependent on God.

1.

THROUGH all the various shifting scene
  Of life's mistaken ill or good,
Thy hand, O God, conducts, unseen,
The beautiful vicissitude.

2.

Thou givest with a father's care,
Howe'er unjustly we complain,
To each their necessary share
Of joy and sorrow, health and pain.

3.

All things on earth, and all in heaven,
On thine eternal will depend;
And all for greater good were given,
Would man pursue the' appointed end.

4.

Be this our care; to all beside
Indifferent let our wishes be:
Passion be calm, and dumb be pride,
And fixt our souls, O God, on thee.

91. L. M.

Reliance on Providence.

1.

GREAT Lord of earth and seas and skies,
Thy wealth the needy world supplies;
On thee alone the whole depends;
Thy care to every part extends.

2.

The wastes of life thy power repairs;
Thy mercy stills tempestuous cares;
And safe beneath thy guardian arm
We live, secured from every harm.

3.

On thee we evermore depend,
The rich, the sure, the faithful friend;
'T is thine our portion still to choose;
'T is ours that portion well to use.

4.

And should thy measures seem severe,
Thy chastening may we calmly bear;
Without complaint to thee submit,
Unerring judge of what is fit.

92. P. M.

Divine worship.

1.

IN thy courts let peace be found,
Be thy temple full of love;
Here we tread on holy ground,
All serene, around, above.

2.

While the knee in prayer is bent,
While with praise the heart o'erflows,
Tranquillize the turbulent,
Give the weary ones repose!

3.

As an infant knows its home,
Lord, let us thy temples know,
Here,—to be instructed,—come,
Hence,—by thee instructed,—go.

93. L. M.

Joy in the presence of God.

1.

O GOD, thou art my God alone;
Early to thee my soul shall cry;
A pilgrim in a land unknown,
A thirsty land whose springs are dry.

2.

Thee, in the watches of the night,
When I remember on my bed,
Thy presence makes the darkness light,
Thy guardian wings are round my head.

3.

Better than life itself thy love,
Dearer than all beside to me;
For whom have I in heaven above,
Or what on earth, compared with thee?

4.

Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice,
For all thy mercy I will give;
My soul shall still in God rejoice,
My tongue shall bless thee while I live.

94. C. M.

Praise to God through every scene of life.

1.

SOVEREIGN of nature, all is thine,
The earth, the air, the sea:
By thee the orbs celestial shine,
And cherubs live by thee.

2.

To thee our humble vows we raise,
To thee address our prayer,
And, cheer'd by thine all-gracious word,
Dismiss each anxious fear.

3.

'Midst hourly cares may love present
Its incense to thy throne,
And, while the world our hands employs,
Our hearts be thine alone!

4.

As different scenes of life arise,
Our grateful hearts would be
With thee amidst the social band,
In solitude with thee.

95. P. M.

God seen in all, and all in God.

1.

I READ thy name, O God, emblazon'd high
In golden letters on the' illumined sky;
In every leaf that trembles to the breeze
I hear thy voice, my God, among the trees.

2.

With thee in shady solitudes I walk,
With thee in busy crowded cities talk;
In every creature own thy forming power,
In each event thy providence adore.

3.

O may I rest, unmoved by all alarms,
Secure within the temple of thine arms;
Prepared to kiss the sceptre or the rod,
While God is seen in all, and all in God!

96. C. M.

Submission to God's providence.

1.

MY God, my Father, blissful name!
O may I call thee mine:
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine.

2.

Whate'er thy providence denies
I calmly would resign;
For thou art just and good and wise;
O bend my will to thine.

3.

Whate'er thy sacred will ordains
O give me strength to bear;
O let me know my Father reigns
And trust his tender care.

97. C. M.

God incomprehensible.

1.

THOU art exalted, O my God,
Our highest praise above;
Thy greatness is unsearchable,
And boundless is thy love.

2.

Thy way is in the trackless deep,
Thy footsteps are not known;
High as the heavens thy mercy is,
And judgement is thy throne.

3.

Wondrous and wise are all the works
Of thine almighty hand;
The thunder of thine awful power
Who, Lord, can understand?

98. C. M.

The immutability of God.

1.

THROUGH endless years thou art the same,
O thou eternal God!
Ages to come shall know thy name,
And tell thy works abroad.

2.

The strong foundations of the earth
Of old by thee were laid;
By thee the beauteous arch of heaven
With matchless skill was made.

3.

Soon shall this goodly frame of things,
Form'd by thy powerful hand,
Be, like a vesture, laid aside
And changed at thy command.

4.

But thy perfections, all divine,
Eternal as thy days,
Through everlasting ages shine
With undiminish'd rays.

99. L. M.

The all-seeing God.

1.

LORD, thou hast search'd and seen me through;
Thine eye commands with piercing view
My rising and my resting hours,
My heart and flesh with all their powers.

2.

Within thy circling love I stand,
On every side I find thy hand:
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
I am surrounded still with God.

3.

O may these thoughts possess my breast
Where'er I rove, where'er I rest!
Nor let my weaker passions dare
Consent to sin; for God is there.

100. C. M.

The favour and glory of God.

1.

LONG as I live I'll bless thy name,
My King, my God of love;
My work and joy shall be the same
In the bright world above.

2.

Fathers to sons shall teach thy name,
And children learn thy ways;
Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
And nations sound thy praise.

3.

Thy glorious deeds of ancient date
  Shall through the world be known;
Thine arm of power, thy heavenly state,
  With public splendour shown.

4.

The world is govern'd by thy hands,
  Thy saints are ruled by love;
And thine eternal kingdom stands,
  Though rocks and hills remove.

101. C. M.

The goodness of God.

1.

THY goodness, Lord, our souls confess,
  Thy goodness we adore;
A spring whose blessings never fail,
  A sea without a shore.

2.

Sun, moon, and stars thy love attest,
  In every golden ray:
Love draws the curtains of the night,
  And love returns the day.

3.

But chiefly thy compassions, Lord,
  Are in the gospel seen:
There, like a sun, thy mercy shines,
  Without a cloud between.

102. P. M.

The goodness of God.

1.

MY God, thy boundless love I praise:
How bright on high its glories blaze;
How sweetly bloom below!
It streams from thine eternal throne;
Through heaven its joys for ever run,
And o'er the earth they flow.

2.

But in thy gospel see it shine
With grace and glories more divine,
Proclaiming sins forgiven:
There Faith, bright cherub, points the way
To realms of everlasting day,
And opens all her heaven.

3.

Then let the love which makes me blest
With cheerful praise inspire my breast,
And ardent gratitude:
Let all my thoughts and passions tend
To thee, my Father and my Friend,
My soul's eternal good.

103. L. M.

The divine goodness.

1.

TRIUMPHANT, Lord, thy goodness reigns
Through all the wide celestial plains,
And its full streams redundant flow
Down to the' abodes of men below.

2.

Through nature's works its glories shine:
The cares of providence are thine:
And thou hast raised within our frame
A fairer temple to thy name.

3.

O give to every human heart
To taste and feel how good thou art;
With grateful love and reverent fear
To know how blest thy children are.

104. L. M.

The universal goodness of God.

1.

ETERNAL source of every joy!
Well may thy praise our lips employ,
While in thy temple we appear,
Whose goodness crowns the circling year.

2.

Wide as the wheels of nature roll,
Thy hand supports the steady pole;
By thee the sun is taught to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.

3.

Seasons and months and weeks and days
Demand successive songs of praise:
Still be the cheerful homage paid
With morning light and evening shade.

4.

O may our more harmonious tongues
In worlds unknown pursue the songs,
And in those brighter courts adore,
Where days and years revolve no more!

105. C. M.

God the author of all our blessings.

1.

JEHOVAH God! thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
O may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to thee.

2.

Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

3.

From morn till noon, till latest eve,
The hand of God we see;
And all the blessings we receive,
Ceaseless proceed from thee.

4.

In all the varying scenes of time,
On thee our hopes depend;
In every age, in every clime,
Our Father and our Friend.

106. C. M.

The divine goodness.

1.

SWEET is the memory of thy grace,
O God, our heavenly king;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

2.

God reigns on high, but not confines
His goodness to the skies;
Through the whole earth his bounty shines,
And every want supplies.

3.

With longing eyes thy creatures wait
On thee for daily food;
Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouths with good.

4.

How kind are thy compassions, Lord!
How slow thine anger moves!
But swiftly flies thy pardoning word,
To cheer the souls it loves.

107. C. M.

The condescension of God.

1.

AMIDST the heavenly powers sublime
God's throne is fixt on high,
And through eternity he hears
The praises of the sky.

2.

Yet, looking down, he visits oft
  The humble, hallow'd cell,
And with the penitent who mourns
  'T is his delight to dwell:

3.

The downcast spirit to revive,
  The sorrowful to cheer,
And from the bed of dust the man
  Of contrite heart to rear.

4.

With him dwells no relentless wrath
  Against the human race;
The men whom he has form'd shall find
  A refuge in his grace.

108. L. M.

The mercy of God.

1.

THE Lord, how wondrous are his ways!
  How firm his truth, how large his grace!
He takes his mercy for his throne,
And thence he makes his glories known.

2.

The mighty God, the wise, the just,
Knows that our feeble frame is dust,
And will no heavy load impose
Beyond the strength which he bestows.

3.

He knows how soon our nature dies,
Blasted by every wind that flies:
Like grass we spring, and die as soon,
Or morning flowers that fade at noon.

4.

But his eternal love is sure
To all the saints, and shall endure:
From age to age his truth shall reign,
Nor children's children hope in vain.

109. S. M.

Mercy in the midst of judgement.

1.

MY soul, repeat his praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

2.

The pity of the Lord,
To those who fear his name,
Is such as tender parents feel:
He knows our feeble frame.

3.

Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower,
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

4.

But thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

110. L. M.

The happiness arising from the divine presence.

1.

FATHER and friend, relations dear!
Rejoicing to the human soul!
They lift us above every fear,
And ills, if ills there be, controul.

2.

Pleasant is life, and sweet the light
That pours from the bright orb of day,
Revealing to our raptured sight
The world in all its rich display.

3.

Pleasant is life, and sweet its ties,
The touching charities of man;
Friend, fellow, child and parent rise,
Endearing life's progressive plan.

4.

But light and life would soon be vile,
And all their dearest pleasures pall,
Nor sun would shine, nor life would smile,
Without thy presence gladdening all.

111. C. M.

Eternal praise for eternal love.

1.

HOW rich thy favours, God of grace,
How various, how divine!
Full as the ocean they are pour'd,
And bright as heaven they shine.

2.

God to eternal glory calls,
And leads the wondrous way
To his own kingdom, where he reigns
In uncreated day.

3.

The songs of everlasting years
That mercy shall attend
Which leads through sufferings of an hour
To joys that never end.

112. C. M.

God's compassion to human frailty.

1.

LORD, we adore thy wondrous name,
And make that name our trust,
Which raised at first this curious frame
From mean and lifeless dust.

2.

Awhile these frail machines endure,
The fabric of a day;
Then know their vital powers no more,
But moulder back to clay.

3.

Yet, Lord, whate'er is felt or fear'd,
  This thought is our repose,
That he by whom this frame was rear'd
  Its various weakness knows.

4.

Gently supported by thy love
  We tend to realms of peace;
Where every pain shall far remove,
  And every frailty cease.

113. C. M.

The faithfulness of God.

1.

BEGIN, my tongue, some heavenly theme,
  And speak some boundless thing;
The mighty works, or mightier name,
  Of our eternal King.

2.

Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,
  And sound his power abroad;
Sing the kind promise of his grace,
  And the performing God.

3.

Engraved as in eternal brass
  The gracious promise shines,
Nor can the powers of darkness rase
  The everlasting lines.

4.

His very word of grace is strong
As that which built the skies:
The voice which rolls the stars along
Speaks all the promises.

114. C. M.

The faithfulness of God.

1.

COME, happy souls, approach your God
With new melodious songs;
Come, render to almighty grace
The tribute of your tongues.

2.

Trust in the Lord, for ever trust,
And banish all your fears:
Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells,
Eternal as his years.

3.

He'll never quench the smoking flax,
But raise it to a flame;
The bruised reed he never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest name.

4.

His mercy reigns through every land;
Proclaim his grace abroad:
For ever firm his truth shall stand;
Praise ye the faithful God.

115. C. M.

God's compassion to penitent sinners.

1.

THE Lord from his exalted throne,
In majesty array'd,
Looks with a melting pity down
On all who seek his aid.

2.

When, touch'd with penitent remorse,
Our follies past we mourn,
With what a tenderness of love
He meets our first return!

3.

Through every scene of life and death
His promise is our trust;
And this shall be our children's song
When we are cold in dust.

116. C. M.

The justice and goodness of God.

1.

THY justice, Lord, maintains its throne,
Though mountains melt away;
Thy judgements are a world unknown,
A deep unfathom'd sea.

2.

Safety to man thy goodness brings,
Nor overlooks the beast;
Beneath the shadow of thy wings
Thy children love to rest.

3.

From thee, when earthly streams run low
  And mortal comforts die,
Perpetual springs of life shall flow,
  And raise our pleasures high.

4.

Though all created light decay,
  And death close up our eyes,
Thy presence makes eternal day,
  Where clouds can never rise.

117. C. M.

Providence.

1.

GOD moves in a mysterious way
  His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
  And rides upon the storm.

2.

Deep in unfathomable mines
  Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his great designs,
  And works his sovereign will.

3.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
  But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
  He hides a smiling face.

4.

His purposes will ripen fast,
  Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
  But sweet will be the flower.

5.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
  And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
  And he will make it plain.

118. L. M.

The ways of the righteous known to God.

1.

TO thee, my God, my days are known;
  My soul enjoys the thought;
My actions all before thy face,
  Nor are my wants forgot.

2.

The vacant hour, the active scene,
  Thy mercy shall approve;
And every pang of sympathy,
  And every care of love.

3.

Each golden hour of beaming light
  Is gilded by thy rays;
And dark affliction's midnight gloom
  A present God surveys.

4.

Stript of its little earthly all
  My soul in smiles shall go,
And in a heavenly heritage
  Its Father's bounty know.

119. L. M.

God the protector of the righteous.

1.

THE' Almighty reigns, exalted high
  O'er all the earth, o'er all the sky:
Though clouds and darkness veil his feet,
His dwelling is the mercy-seat.

2.

O ye that love his holy name,
Hate every work of sin and shame;
He guards the souls of all his friends,
And from the snares of vice defends.

3.

Immortal light and joys unknown
Are for the saints in darkness sown:
Those glorious seeds shall spring and rise
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.

4.

Rejoice, ye righteous, and record
The sacred honours of the Lord:
None but the soul that feels his grace
Can triumph in his holiness.

120. C. M.

The goodness of God to the righteous.

1.

OUR souls with pleasing wonder view
The bounties of thy grace;
How much bestow'd, how much reserved
For them that seek thy face!

2.

Thy liberal hand with worldly bliss
Oft makes their cup run o'er;
And in the covenant of thy love
They find diviner store.

3.

But oh! what treasures yet unknown
Are lodged in worlds to come!
If these the' enjoyments of the way,
How happy is their home!

4.

Since time's too short, all-gracious God,
To utter half thy praise,
Loud to the honour of thy name
Eternal hymns we'll raise.

121. P. M.

Living habitually in the sight of God.

1.

WHEN all is smiling, tranquil and serene,
And vernal beauty paints the flattering scene,
Teach me, O God, to shun each latent snare
And whisper to my sliding heart—Beware!

2.

When, friendless, in a vale of tears I stray,
Where briars wound and thorns perplex my way,
Still let my steady soul thy goodness see,
And with strong confidence lay hold on thee.

3.

And when the last, the closing hour draws nigh,
And earth is fast receding from mine eye;
When trembling on the doubtful edge of fate
I stand, and stretch my view to either state:

4.

Teach me to quit this transitory scene
With decent triumph and a look serene;
Teach me to fix my ardent hopes on high,
And having lived to thee, in thee to die.

122. P. M.

The unrivalled beauty and glory of religion.

1.

SOFT are the fruitful showers that bring
The welcome promise of the spring,
And soft the vernal gale:
Sweet the wild warblings of the grove,
The voice of nature and of love,
That gladden every vale.

2.

But softer in the mourner's ear
Sounds the mild voice of mercy near,
  That whispers sins forgiven;
And sweeter far the music swells,
When to the raptured soul she tells
  Of peace and promised heaven.

3.

Fair are the flowers that deck the ground;
And groves and gardens blooming round
  Unnumber'd charms unfold:
Bright is the sun's meridian ray,
And bright the beams of setting day
  That robe the clouds in gold.

4.

But far more fair the pious breast,
In richer robes of goodness drest,
  Where heaven's own graces shine;
And brighter far the prospects rise
That burst on faith's delighted eyes
  From glories all divine.

123. P. M.

Prayer to the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

1.

WHEN our heads are bow'd with woe,
  When our bitter tears o'erflow,
When we mourn the lost, the dear,
Gracious God of Jesus! hear.

2.

When the sullen death-bell tolls
For our own departed souls;
When our final doom is near,
Gracious God of Jesus! hear.

3.

When the heart is dark within
With the flying shades of sin;
When the soul is cold and drear,
Gracious God of Jesus! hear.

4.

He the spirit's strife hath known;
He the spirit's victory won;
He hath now no grief to bear;
Friend of Jesus! hush thy fear.

124. P. M.

Creation and redemption.

1.

SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with halleluiahs rang,
When Jehovah's work begun,
When he spake and it was done.

2.

Songs of praise awoke the morn
When the Prince of peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when he
Captive led captivity.

3.

Heaven and earth must pass away;
Songs of praise shall crown that day:
God will make new heavens and earth;
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

4.

And shall man alone be dumb
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

125. L. M.

The one thing needful.

1.

LET us not waste on trifling cares
The life which heavenly mercy spares;
While in our various range of thought
The one thing needful is forgot.

2.

Let us not chase the fleeting wind,
And famish an immortal mind;
While angels with regret look down
To see us spurn a heavenly crown.

3.

The voice of God calls from above,
The Saviour pleads his dying love,
Conscience inflicts her bosom pain;
Let them not join their pleas in vain.

4.

Almighty God, thine aid impart
To fix conviction on the heart;
That we our truest good may see
And our affections raise to thee.

126. L. M.

Jesus teaching the people.

1.

HOW sweetly flow'd the gospel's sound
From lips of gentleness and grace,
When listening thousands gather'd round,
And joy and reverence fill'd the place!

2.

From heaven he came, of heaven he spoke,
To heaven he led his followers' way;
Dark clouds of gloomy night he broke,
Unveiling an immortal day.

3.

"Come, wanderers, to my Father's home;
"Come, all ye weary ones, and rest."
Yes, sacred Teacher, we will come,
Obey thee, love thee, and be blest.

127. C. M.

Praise for divine revelation.

1.

A GLORY gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none.

2.

The hand that gave it still supplies
  The gracious light and heat:
His truths upon the nations rise;
  They rise but never set.

3.

Let everlasting thanks be thine,
  For such a bright display
As makes a world of darkness shine
  With beams of heavenly day.

4.

My soul rejoices to pursue
  The steps of him I love,
Till glory breaks upon my view
  In brighter worlds above.

128. C. M.

The excellency of scripture.

1.

LORD, we have made thy word our choice,
  Our lasting heritage;
There shall our noblest powers rejoice,
  Our warmest thoughts engage.

2.

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light
  That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
  A lamp to lead our way.

3.

'T is a broad land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise;
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

4.

The best relief that mourners have,
It makes our sorrows blest;
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.

129. S. M.

The gospel the source of pious gratulation.

1.

HOW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal!

2.

How blessed are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

3.

How blessed are our eyes
That see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

130. C. M.

The Christian inheritance.

1.

WITH transport, Lord, we view the page
Where all thy mercies shine:
And joy to tell the rising age
What boundless grace is thine.

2.

The world, with all its shifting schemes,
Time, with its fleeting hours,
Life, with its gay and flattering dreams,
Its hopes and fears, is ours.

3.

Death, also, at our Father's word,
Lays all its terrors by;
Gently divides the "silver cord"
And calls us to the sky.

4.

Fain would our hearts a tribute bring
Before our Father's throne;
A tribute worthy of our King,
Whose mercies are unknown.

131. C. M.

Praise for the gospel.

1.

TO our almighty Maker, God,
New honours be addrest;
His great salvation shines abroad,
And makes the nations blest.

2.

Happy the man who hears and knows
  The gospel's joyful sound;
Peace shall attend the path he goes
  And light his steps surround.

3.

God rules the world with truth and grace,
  And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
  And wonders of his love.

4.

Let the whole earth his love proclaim
  With all her different tongues,
And spread the honours of his name
  In melody and songs.

132. C. M.

Praise to God for the mission of Christ.

1.

HIGH let us swell our tuneful notes,
  And join the' angelic throng;
For angels no such love have known
  To' awake a cheerful song.

2.

Good-will to sinful man is shown,
  And peace on earth is given:
For lo, the blessed Saviour comes
  With messages from heaven.

3.

Glory to God in highest strains
  In highest worlds be paid;
His glory by our lips proclaim'd
  And by our lives display'd.

133. C. M.

The blessings of divine revelation.

1.

FATHER of mercies, in thy word
  What endless glory shines!
For ever be thy name adored
  For these celestial lines.

2.

Here, may the wretched sons of want
  Exhaustless riches find;
Riches above what earth can grant,
  And lasting as the mind.

3.

Here, the Redeemer's welcome voice
  Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
  Attend the blissful sound.

4.

O may these heavenly pages be
  My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
  And still increasing light!

134. S. M.

The excellency of the gospel.

1.

BEHOLD! the morning sun
Begins his glorious way;
His beams through all the nations run,
And life and light convey.

2.

But where the gospel comes,
It spreads diviner light;
It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
And gives the blind their sight.

3.

How perfect is thy word!
And all thy judgements just;
For ever sure thy promise, Lord,
And men securely trust.

4.

My gracious God, how plain
Are thy directions given!
O may I never read in vain,
But find the path to heaven!

135. C. M.

The mission of Jesus Christ.

1.

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes;
The Saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

2.

He comes, from thickest films of vice
  To clear the mental ray;
And on the eye-balls of the blind
  To pour celestial day.

3.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
  The bleeding soul to cure;
And, with the treasures of his grace,
  To' enrich the humble poor.

4.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace!
  Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
  With thy beloved name.

136. S. M.

Christ the light of the world.

1.

BEHOLD! the Prince of peace,
  The chosen of the Lord,
God's well-beloved Son, fulfills
  The sure prophetic word.

2.

The spirit of the Lord,
  In rich abundance shed,
On this great prophet gently lights,
  And rests upon his head.

3.

Jesus, thou light of men!
Thy doctrine life imparts:
O may we feel its quickening power
To warm and glad our hearts!

4.

Cheer'd by thy beams, our souls
Shall run the heavenly way:
The path which thou hast mark'd and trod
Will lead to endless day.

137. L. M.

The extent and blessings of Christ's kingdom.

1.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

3.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns,
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

138. C. M.

(*Luke* xii. 32.)

1.

YE little flock, whom Jesus feeds,
Dismiss your anxious cares;
Look to the shepherd of your souls,
And smile away your fears.

2.

Your Father will a kingdom give,
And give it with delight;
His feeblest child his love shall call
To triumph in his sight.

3.

Ten thousand praises, Lord, we bring
For sure supports like these,
And o'er the pious dead we sing
Thy living promises.

4.

For all we have, for all we hope,
We bless thy sacred name;
Nor shall that stroke disturb the song
Which breaks this mortal frame.

139. P. M.

The invitations of Jesus.

1.

COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come and make my paths your choice:
I will guide you to your home,
Weary pilgrim, hither come!

2.

Ye who, tost on beds of pain,
Seek for ease, but seek in vain;
Ye, whose swoln and sleepless eyes
Watch to see the morning rise:

3.

Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,
In remorse for guilt who mourn;
Here repose your heavy care:
A wounded spirit who can bear?

4.

Sinner, come! for here is found
Balm that flows for every wound;
Peace that ever shall endure,
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

140. L. M.

The glory and success of the gospel.

1.

THE heavens declare thy glory, Lord;
In every star thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

2.

Sun, moon, and stars, convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand;
So when thy truth began its race
It touch'd and glanced on every land.

3.

Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light or feel the sun.

141. P. M.

The future peace and glory of the church.
(*Is.* lx. 15—20.)

1.

HEAR what God, the Lord, hath spoken:
"O my people, faint and few,
Comfortless, afflicted, broken,
Fair abodes I build for you:
Themes of heartfelt tribulation
Shall no more perplex your ways;
You shall name your walls, salvation,
And your gates shall all be praise.

2.

"There, like streams that feed the garden,
Pleasures without end shall flow;
For the Lord, your faith rewarding,
All his bounty shall bestow:
Still in undisturb'd possession,
Peace and righteousness shall reign;
Never shall you feel oppression,
Hear the voice of war again.

3.

"Ye no more your suns descending,
Waning moons no more shall see;
But, your griefs for ever ending,
Find eternal noon in me:
God shall rise, and shining o'er you
Change to day the gloom of night;
He, the Lord, shall be your glory,
God, your everlasting light."

142. P. M.

The cross of Christ.

1.

IN the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.

4.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

143. S. M.

Peace and pardon through Jesus Christ.

1.

RAISE your triumphant songs
To an immortal tune;
Let the wide earth resound the deeds
Celestial grace hath done.

2.

Pardon and peace from heaven
Jesus proclaims abroad,
And brings to erring guilty man
Sure mercy from his God.

3.

Now, sinners, dry your tears,
Let hopeless sorrow cease;
Bow to the sceptre of his love,
And take the offer'd peace.

4.

Lord, we obey the call;
We lay a humble claim
To the salvation thou hast sent,
And love and praise thy name.

144. S. M.

Christians sons of God.

1.

FATHER! what wondrous grace
Thy mercy hath bestow'd
On sinners of a mortal race,
To call them sons of God.

2.

It doth not yet appear
How great we must be made;
But when we see our Saviour here,
We shall be like our head.

3.

A hope so much divine
May trials well endure,
May purge our souls from sense and sin,
As Christ the Lord is pure.

145. C. M.

Hope of heaven by the resurrection of Christ.

1.

BLEST be the everlasting God,
The Father of our Lord:
Be his abounding mercy praised,
His majesty adored.

2.

When from the dead he raised his Son,
And called him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope
That they should never die.

3.

What though his uncontroul'd decree
  Commands us back to dust!
Yet, as our Lord and Saviour rose,
  So all his followers must.

4.

There's an inheritance divine
  Reserved against that day;
'T is uncorrupted, undefiled,
  And cannot fade away.

146. P. M.

The resurrection of Christ.

1.

ANGEL, roll the rock away;
  Death, yield up thy mighty prey;
See, he rises from the tomb,
Glowing in immortal bloom.

2.

Shout, ye saints, in rapturous song,
Let the strains be sweet and strong;
Shout the Son of God this morn
From his sepulchre new born.

3.

Powers of heaven! seraphic fires!
Sing, and sweep your sounding lyres;
Sons of men, in humble strain
Sing your mighty Saviour's reign.

4.

Every note with wonder swell,
And the Saviour's triumph tell;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Where thy terrors, vanquish'd king?

147. L. M.

The resurrection of Christ.

1.

HOSANNA! let us join to sing
The glories of our rising King;
Recount his victories, and tell
How Jesus triumph'd when he fell.

2.

Soon as the morning's earliest ray
Brings on the third, the' appointed day,
Behold the angel cleave the skies,
Roll back the stone, and Jesus rise!

3.

With strength immortal forth he comes,
And power and life from God resumes;
The days of pain and sorrow past,
His triumph shall for ever last.

4.

Ye tribes of Adam, raise the song,
And bid angelic harps prolong
The triumphs of that day of grace
Which seal'd salvation to our race.

148. C. M.

(*He is not here, but is risen.* Luke xxiv. 6.)

1.

YE humble souls that seek the Lord,
Chase all your fears away,
And bow with pleasure down to see
The place where Jesus lay.

2.

Then raise your eyes and tune your songs,
The Saviour lives again;
Not all the bolts and bars of death
The conqueror could detain.

3.

High o'er the' angelic bands he rears
His once dishonour'd head;
And through unnumber'd years he reigns,
Who dwelt among the dead.

4.

With joy like his shall every saint
His empty tomb survey;
Then rise with his ascending Lord
Through all his shining way.

149. C. M.

The hope of heaven a support in death.

1.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

2.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers:
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

3.

But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger shivering on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

4.

O could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And view the Canaan that we love
With unbeclouded eyes:

5.

Could we but stand as Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er;
Nor Jordan's streams, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

150. C. M.

Heaven the everlasting seat of the righteous.

1.

ADORE, my soul, that awful name
To which the angels bow;
By which the worlds from nothing came,
The heaven of heavens, and thou.

2.

The God who sits enthroned above
  Thy breath of life has given:
His voice, in thunder and in love,
  Calls thee from earth to heaven.

3.

Why fondly pluck the withering flowers
  That only deck thy tomb,
Whilst amaranthine wreaths and bowers
  For thee immortal bloom?

4.

Resign thy joys and hopes to God;
  Cast flesh and sin away;
Pursue the path thy Saviour trod,
  And rise to endless day.

151. L. M.

The final congregation of the good.

1.

FROM north and south, from east and west,
  Advance the myriads of the blest:
From every clime of earth they come,
And find in heaven a common home.

2.

In one immortal throng we view
Pagan and Christian, Greek and Jew;
But, all their doubts and darkness o'er,
One only God they now adore.

3.

On earth, according to their light,
They aim'd to practise what was right;
Hence all their errors are forgiven,
And Jesus welcomes them to heaven.

4.

See how along the immortal meads
His glorious host the Saviour leads,
And brings the myriads none can count
To seats of joy on Zion's mount!

152. L. M.

The mercy of God displayed in the gospel.

1.

GREAT God, all nature shows thy love,
In worlds below and worlds above;
But in thy blessed word I trace
The richer glories of thy grace.

2.

There, what delightful truths are given;
There, Jesus shows the way to heaven;
His name salutes my listening ear,
Revives my heart, and checks my fear.

3.

There, Jesus bids my sorrows cease,
And gives my labouring conscience peace;
My grateful feelings raises high,
And points to mansions in the sky.

4.

For love like this, O may my song
Through endless years thy praise prolong!
And distant climes thy name adore,
Till time and nature are no more.

153. L. M.

Life and immortality brought to light by the gospel.

1.

IF all our hopes and all our fears
Were prison'd in life's little bound;
If, travellers through this vale of tears,
We saw no better world beyond;

2.

O, what should check the rising sigh?
What earthly thing could pleasure give?
Who then in peace could hope to die?
Who then would breathe a wish to live?

3.

Yet such were life without the ray
From our divine religion given:
'Tis this that makes our darkness day:
'Tis this that makes our earth a heaven.

4.

Bright is the golden sun above,
And beautiful the flowers that bloom;
And all is joy, and all is love,
Reflected from a world to come.

154. L. M.

God our Father.

1.

IS there a lone and dreary hour
When worldly pleasures lose their power?
My Father, let me turn to thee,
And set each thought of darkness free.

2.

Is there an hour of peace and joy,
When hope is all my soul's employ?
My Father, still my hopes will roam,
Until they rest with thee, their home.

3.

The noon-tide blaze, the midnight scene,
The dawn or twilight's sweet serene,
The sick, nay e'en the dying hour,
Shall own my Father's grace and power.

155. C. M.

The hope of heaven.

1.

YES, there's a better world on high:
Hope on, thou pious breast!
Faint not, thou traveller; in the sky
Thy weary feet shall rest.

2.

Anguish may rend each vital part:
Mortal, thy frame is frail:
But God shall be thy strength of heart,
When its own strength shall fail.

3.

Through death, that vale of awful shade,
Thy foot shall surely go:
Yet there, even there, walk undismay'd:
'T is thy last scene of woe.

156. L. M.

The Christian exhorted to seek his native heaven.

1.

GO, suffering habitant of earth,
Go, conscious of thy heavenly birth,
And, 'midst the storms that round thee rise,
Retrace thy journey to the skies.

2.

What though the wild winds rage around!
Thou wilt not tremble at the sound:
What though the waters o'er thee roll!
They touch not thine immortal soul.

3.

Go then with steadfast heart and eyes,
Till that bright morn shall on thee rise
Which gives thee to thy blest abode,
To rest for ever with thy God!

157. L. M.

The blessed influence of religion.

1.

WHEN mild religion from above
Descends, a sweet engaging form,
The messenger of heavenly love,
The bow of promise in a storm;

2.

Then guilty passions wing their flight,
Sorrow, remorse, affliction cease;
Religion's yoke is soft and light,
And all her paths are paths of peace.

3.

Beyond the narrow vale of time,
Where bright celestial ages roll,
To scenes eternal, scenes sublime,
She points the way, and leads the soul.

4.

Baptized with her renewing fire,
May we the crown of glory gain;
Rise when the hosts of heaven expire,
And reign with God, for ever reign!

158. S. M.

Religion the source of our purest pleasure.

1.

COME, ye who love the Lord!
And let your joys be known;
Join in a song of sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

2.

God, our eternal friend,
No present good denies,
And, when our mortal course shall end,
Will call us to the skies.

3.

There we shall see his face,
And never, never sin;
There, from the rivers of his grace,
Drink endless pleasures in.

4.

Then let our sorrows cease,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through the paths of peace
To fairer worlds on high.

159. C. M.

The comforts of religion.

1.

WHEN gloomy thoughts and boding fears
The trembling heart invade,
And all the face of nature wears
An universal shade;

2.

Religion's dictates can assuage
The tempest of the soul;
And every storm shall cease to rage,
At her divine controul.

3.

When feeble reason, tired and blind,
Sinks helpless and afraid;
Thou blest supporter of the mind,
How powerful is thine aid!

4.

O let my heart confess thy power,
  And find thy sweet relief,
To brighten every gloomy hour,
  And soften every grief!

160. L. M.

The example of Christ.

1.

WHENE'ER the angry passions rise,
  And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
To Jesus let us lift our eyes,
Bright pattern of the Christian life.

2.

O how benevolent and kind,
How mild, how ready to forgive!
Be this the temper of our mind,
And these the rules by which we live.

3.

To do his heavenly Father's will
Was his employment and delight:
Humility and holy zeal
Shone through his life divinely bright.

4.

Dispensing good where'er he came,
The labours of his life were love:
Oh, if we love the Saviour's name,
Let his divine example move.

161. P. M.

Devout aspirations.

1.

GOD, our kind master, merciful as just,
Knowing our frame, remembers man is dust,
His ear is open to the softest cry;
His grace descends to meet the lifted eye.

2.

He reads the language of the silent tear,
And sighs are incense from a heart sincere:
He marks the dawn of every virtuous aim,
And fans the smoking flax into a flame.

3.

O set me from all earthly bondage free;
Still every wish that centres not in thee:
Bid my fond hopes, my vain disquiets cease,
And point my path to everlasting peace.

162. L. M.

Aspirations after the Christian temper.

1.

SUPREME and universal light!
Fountain of reason, judge of right!
Parent of good! whose blessings flow
On all above, and all below:

2.

Without whose kind directing ray,
In everlasting night we stray;
From passion still to passion tost,
And in a maze of error lost:

3.

Assist me, Lord, to act, to be
What nature and thy laws decree;
Worthy that intellectual flame
Which from thy breathing spirit came.

4.

O Father, grace and virtue grant;
No more I wish, no more I want;
To know, to serve thee, and to love,
Is peace below, is bliss above.

163. L. M.

The Christian's noblest resolution.

1.

MAY I resolve with all my heart
With all my powers to serve the Lord;
Nor from his precepts e'er depart,
Whose service is a rich reward!

2.

Be this the purpose of my soul,
My solemn, my determined choice;
To yield to his supreme controul,
And in his kind commands rejoice.

3.

O may I never faint nor tire
Nor wandering leave his sacred ways!
Great God, accept my soul's desire,
And give me strength to live thy praise.

164. L. M.

Prayer for divine wisdom.

1.

TEACH me, O teach me, Lord, thy way,
That to my life's remotest day,
By thine unerring precepts led,
My willing feet thy paths may tread.

2.

O turn from vanity mine eye;
My soul with holy strength supply;
And with thy promised mercy cheer
A heart devoted to thy fear.

3.

Long as within this house of clay
Supported by thy power I stay,
Thy mercy let thy servant see;
Grant me to live conform'd to thee.

4.

That mercy, Lord, whose beams extend
Far as the world's remotest end,
That mercy to my soul impart;
Engrave thy precepts on my heart.

165. L. M.

Heavenly guidance.

1.

AMIDST a world of hopes and fears,
A wild of cares, of toils and tears,
Where foes alarm and dangers threat,
And pleasures kill, and glories cheat;

2.

Shed down, O Lord, a heavenly ray
To guide me in the doubtful way;
And o'er me hold thy shield of power,
To guard me in the dangerous hour.

3.

Teach me the flattering paths to shun
In which the thoughtless many run,
Who for a shade the substance miss,
And grasp their ruin in their bliss.

4.

May never pleasure, wealth, or pride,
Allure my wandering soul aside!
But through this maze of mortal ill
Safe lead me to thy heavenly hill.

166. C. M.

Inconstancy in religion deplored.

1.

PERPETUAL source of light and grace,
We hail thy sacred name;
Through every year's revolving round
Thy goodness is the same.

2.

With contrite hearts our guilt we mourn,
And loud implore thy grace
To bear our feeble footsteps on
In all thy righteous ways.

3.

Arm'd with this energy divine,
  Our souls shall steadfast move,
And with increasing ardour press
  On to thy courts above.

4.

So by thy power the morning sun
  Pursues his radiant way,
Brightens each moment in his race,
  And shines to perfect day.

167. L. M.

Prayer for pardoning mercy.

1.

O TURN, great Ruler of the skies,
  Turn from my sins thy searching eyes;
Nor let the' offences of my hand
Within thy book recorded stand.

2.

Lord, let thy clemency divine
Conspicuous in my pardon shine;
O let the fullness of thy grace
Each error of my life efface.

3.

Give me a will to thine subdued,
A conscience pure, a soul renew'd;
Nor let me, lost in hopeless gloom,
An outcast from thy presence roam.

168. C. M.

Desiring to walk in God's commandments.

1.

O THAT the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

2.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3.

Make me to walk in thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

169. C. M.

Heavenly wisdom.

1.

HOW happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice!

2.

Wisdom has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than is the gain of gold.

3.

She guides the young with innocence
  In pleasure's path to tread;
A crown of glory she bestows
  Upon the hoary head.

4.

According as her labours rise,
  So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
  And all her paths are peace.

170. C. M.

Divine influence implored.

1.

FATHER of lights, thy spirit grant
  To guide our doubtful way;
Thy truth shall scatter every cloud,
  And make a glorious day.

2.

Supported by thy heavenly grace,
  We'll do and bear thy will;
Thy grace shall make each burthen light,
  And every murmur still.

3.

Cheer'd by thy smiles, we'll fearless tread
  The gloomy paths of death;
And, with the hopes of endless bliss,
  Resign to thee our breath.

171. C. M.

Prayer for the divine blessing.

1.

AUTHOR of good, we rest on thee;
Thine ever-wakeful eye
Alone our real wants can see,
Thy hand alone supply.

2.

O let thy fear within us dwell,
Thy love our footsteps guide;
That love shall vainer loves expel,
That fear all fears beside.

3.

Not what we wish, but what we want,
Let mercy still supply;
The good unask'd, O Father, grant,
The ill, though ask'd, deny.

172. C. M.

Divine mercy in affliction.

1.

GREAT Ruler of all nature's frame,
We own thy power divine;
We hear thy breath in every storm,
For all the winds are thine.

2.

Wide as they sweep their sounding way,
They work thy sovereign will;
And, awed by thy majestic voice,
Confusion shall be still.

3.

Thy mercy tempers every blast
  To them that seek thy face,
And mingles with the tempest's roar
  The whispers of thy grace.

4.

Those gentle whispers may we hear,
  Till all the tumult cease;
And gales of paradise shall lull
  Our weary souls to peace.

173. C. M.

God to be remembered in the days of youth.

1.

IN the soft season of thy youth,
  In nature's smiling bloom,
Ere age arrive, and trembling wait
  The summons to the tomb;

2.

Remember thy creator, God:
  For him thy powers employ;
Make him thy fear, thy love, thy hope,
  Thy confidence, thy joy.

3.

He shall defend and guide thy course
  Through life's uncertain sea,
Till thou art landed on the shore
  Of blest eternity.

174. P. M.

(*Eccles.* xi. 7—8.)

1.

TRULY the light of morn is sweet,
And sweet it is to see the sun;
But though the cheerful hours may fleet,
And years pass gaily one by one,
O blot not eager from thy mind
The thought of darker days behind.

2.

Rejoice, O child of mortal birth,
In all the pride of youth rejoice;
And let the beauteous things of earth
Allure thine eye, invite thy choice;
Yet know, for blessings freely given,
Thine is a large account with heaven.

3.

And O remember, ere the day,
The evil day of grief shall come,
When all the joy is pass'd away,
And nought is left but gathering gloom,
Remember, ere the creatures fall,
Him, first and last, who gave them all.

175. L. M.

The conflict.

1.

AWAKE, my soul, lift up thine eyes,
See where thy foes against thee rise,
In long array, a numerous host;
Awake, my soul, or thou art lost!

2.

Thou tread'st upon enchanted ground;
Perils and snares beset thee round;
Beware of all, guard every part,
But most, the traitor in thy heart.

3.

Come then, my soul, now learn to wield
The weight of thine immortal shield;
Put on the armour from above
Of heavenly truth and heavenly love.

4.

The terror and the charm repel,
And powers of earth, and powers of hell:
The man of Calvary triumph'd here;
Why should his faithful followers fear?

176. C. M.

The Christian race.

1.

AWAKE, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on,
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2.

'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye.

3.

That prize, with peerless glories bright,
  Which shall new lustre boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
  Shall blend in common dust.

4.

My soul, with sacred ardour fired,
  The glorious prize pursue;
And meet with joy the high command,
  To bid this earth adieu.

177. C. M.

The way and end of the righteous.

1.

MY God, the steps of pious men
  Are order'd by thy will:
Though they should fall, they rise again;
  Thy hand supports them still.

2.

The Lord delights to see their ways,
  Their virtues he approves;
He'll ne'er deprive them of his grace,
  Nor leave the men he loves.

3.

The heavenly heritage is theirs,
  Their portion and their home;
He feeds them now, and makes them heirs
  Of blessings long to come.

4.

Mark well the man of righteousness,
His several steps attend;
True pleasure runs through all his ways,
And peaceful is his end.

178. L. M.

The blessings of the righteous.

1.

BLEST are the pious gentle race,
In whom, with full reflected grace,
Imprest in many a lovely line,
The beamings of heaven's beauty shine.

2.

Theirs is content, life's precious balm;
Theirs peace ethereal, ever calm;
The morning bright, the temperate even;
Fair dawnings of the day of heaven.

3.

In God, the' almighty king, they view
Their judge, and tender father too:
His flaming bolts no terrors bear
While trusting to his faithful care.

4.

God is their life, their sun, their shield,
Their thoughts on him sweet comfort yield;
Through mists that cloud their dying eyes
They see eternal glories rise.

179. C. M.

The blessedness of the just and pure.

1.

BLEST are the undefiled in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean;
Who never from thy law depart,
But fly from every sin.

2.

Great is their peace who love thy law;
How firm their souls abide!
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.

3.

Then shall my heart have inward joy,
And keep my face from shame,
When all thy statutes I obey,
And honour all thy name.

180. C. M.

Virtue attended with the blessing of God.

1.

THE men who keep the laws of God
His choicest blessings share;
Or, if he lifts his chastening rod,
'Tis with a father's care.

2.

His mighty power shall guard the just,
His wisdom points their way;
His eye shall watch their sleeping dust,
His hand revive their clay.

3.

Begin, ye saints, the joyful task,
  His praise employ your tongue;
And soon eternity will ask
  A more exalted song.

181. L. M.

The support of a good conscience.

1.

WHILE some in folly's pleasures roll,
  And seek the joys which hurt the soul;
Be mine that silent calm repast,
A peaceful conscience to the last:

2.

That tree which bears immortal fruit,
Without a canker at the root;
That friend who never fails the just,
When other friends desert their trust.

3.

Though heaven afflict, I'll not repine;
The noblest comforts still are mine;
Comforts which shall o'er death prevail,
And journey with me through the vale.

4.

Thy hand, O God, will smooth my way,
And lead me to the realms of day;
To milder skies and brighter plains,
Where everlasting pleasure reigns.

182. L. M.

Walking by faith, and not by sight.

1.

WE walk by faith, and not by sight;
And if we ever go astray,
Do thou, O Lord, conduct us right,
And lead us in our onward way.

2.

Onward from earth to heaven we go;
And gently guided, Lord, by thee,
The path which is begun below
Conducts to immortality.

3.

And though it wear a transient gloom,
Though darkness on our steps attend,
E'en though it lead us through the tomb,
Its course is bliss, and heaven its end.

183. L. M.

Obedience enforced by the example of Christ.

1.

"NOT as I will," the Saviour said,
And bow'd his agonizing head;
Bade nature's bleeding throbs be still,
Obedient to his Father's will.

2.

O great example! stronger far
Than precept drawn with soundest care:
Its power shall bend the rebel mind,
And make the proudest soul resign'd.

3.

Religion asks no sacrifice
But such as reason justifies;
And oft where trouble meets our eyes,
'Tis mercy's angel in disguise.

4.

Trust ye the Lord: how sweet to trace
E'en here the counsels of his grace!
Obedience trains us for the skies,
And God accepts the sacrifice.

184. C. M.

Prayer for kind affections.

1.

FATHER of mercies, send thy grace
All powerful from above,
To form in our obedient souls
The image of thy love.

2.

O may our sympathizing breasts
The generous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy
And weep for others' woe!

3.

Where'er the helpless sons of grief
In low distress are laid,
Soft be our hearts their pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

4.

Under the gentle sway of love
  Be every passion brought;
O be the law of love fulfill'd
  In every act and thought!

185. S. M.

Piety the source of domestic peace.

1.

BLEST are the sons of peace,
  Whose hearts and hopes are one,
Whose kind designs to serve and please
  Through all their actions run.

2.

Blest is the pious house
  Where zeal and friendship meet;
Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,
  Make their communion sweet;

3.

When love from Christ the spring
  Descends to every soul,
And heavenly peace with balmy wing
  Shades and bedews the whole.

4.

Thus on the heavenly hills
  The saints are blest above,
Where joy like morning dew distils,
  And all the air is love.

186. L. M.

Meekness.

1.

HAPPY the meek, whose gentle breast,
Clear as the summer's evening ray,
Calm as the regions of the blest,
Enjoys on earth celestial day!

2.

No friendships broke their bosoms sting,
No jars their peaceful tent invade;
Safe underneath the' almighty wing,
And, foes to none, of none afraid.

3.

Spirit of grace, all meek and mild,
With thy whole self our souls possess;
Passion and pride be hence exiled;
Then shall our frame thine own express.

187. L. M.

Humility.

1.

WHEREFORE should man, frail child of clay,
Who, from the cradle to the shroud,
Lives but the insect of a day,
O why should mortal man be proud!

2.

His brightest visions just appear,
Then vanish and no more are found;
The stateliest pile his pride can rear
A breath may level with the ground.

3.

Follies and crimes, a countless sum,
Are crowded in life's little span:
How ill, alas, does pride become
That erring, guilty creature, man!

188. L. M.

Candour.

1.

ALL-SEEING God, 'tis thine to know
The springs whence wrong opinions flow;
To judge, by principles within,
When frailty errs, and when we sin.

2.

Who with another's eye can read,
Or worship by another's creed?
Revering thy commands alone,
We humbly seek, and use our own.

3.

If wrong, forgive; approve, if right;
While faithful we obey our light;
And, censuring none, are zealous still
To follow as to learn thy will.

189. S. M.

The right and duty of private judgement.

1.

LORD, to thy word we bring
A meek inquiring mind,
And joyful at salvation's spring
Refreshing truth we find.

2.

With understanding blest,
Created to be free,
Our faith on man we dare not rest,
Subject to none but thee.

3.

O Lord, our spirit lead,
With soundest knowledge fill;
From noxious error guard our creed,
From prejudice our will.

4.

The truth once learnt impress
With savour on our heart;
And help us firmly to profess
'Gainst all seducing art.

190. S. M.

Christian unity.

1.

LET party names no more
The Christian world o'erspread;
Gentile and Jew, and bond and free,
Are one in Christ their head.

2.

Among the saints on earth
Let mutual love be found;
Heirs of the same inheritance,
With mutual blessings crown'd.

3.

Envy and strife, begone,
And only kindness known,
Where all one common Father have,
One common Master own.

4.

Thus will the church below
Resemble that above,
Where springs of purest pleasure rise,
And every heart is love.

191. L. M.

Love the end of the law.

1.

I COME to learn thy holy will;
Give me, O God, the grace to learn;
And let the anxious learner still
Thine uncorrupted laws discern.

2.

And having learnt, let others see,
Bright-shining in my whole career,
The beauty and the dignity
Which thy divine instructions bear;

3.

The holy thoughts, the words, the deeds
Which love inspires, which love impels,
That love which out of heaven proceeds,
And in all heavenly spirits dwells.

192. L. M.

Prayer for purity and peace.

1.

WITH glory clad, in might array'd,
The Lord that o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundations strongly laid,
And the vast fabric still sustains.

2.

The swelling floods in tumult rise,
Aloud the angry tempests roar;
They lift their surges to the skies,
And foam and lash the sounding shore.

3.

The Lord, the mighty God, from high
Controuls the wild and wintry seas;
He gives the word, their murmurs die,
And down they sink in silent peace.

4.

O Father, make thy servants pure,
And calm our souls that proudly swell;
For all thy laws are fixt and sure,
And peace becomes thy temple well.

193. C. M.

The pure in heart shall see God.

1.

WHO shall behold the King of kings
In his fair dwelling-place?
Who shall ascend on seraph-wings,
And stand before his face?

2.

He, the foundations of whose hope
  In humble thoughts are laid;
Who still with cheerful faith looks up
  For pardon and for aid;

3.

Whose fervent spirit eager springs
  To do thy will, O Lord;
Who sees thee in all beauteous things,
  And hears thee in thy word.

4.

Though frailty mark and error dim
  His onward steps while here,
An eye of mercy looks on him,
  And warns him not to fear.

194. S. M.

The duty of constant watchfulness.

1.

YE servants of the Lord,
  Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
  And watchful at his gate.

2.

Let all your lamps be bright,
  And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in his sight,
  For awful is his name.

3.

Watch, 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

195. C. M.

Trust and confidence in God.

1.

JEHOVAH! 'tis a glorious name,
Still pregnant with delight;
It scatters round a cheerful beam
To gild the darkest night.

2.

What though our mortal comforts fade,
And drop like withering flowers,
Nor time nor death can break that band
Which makes Jehovah ours.

3.

My cares, I give you to the wind,
And shake you off like dust:
Well may I trust my all with him
With whom my soul I trust.

196. L. M.

Pious confidence in God.

1.

LET me not murmur or repine
At what may be my Father's will;
Wisdom and power and love are thine;
Thy grace is all-sufficient still.

2.

Bow then, my soul, submissive bow,
And trust thy gracious Father's love;
His kind design in bringing low
Is to prepare for joys above.

3.

This transient scene will soon be o'er,
Its joys, its sorrows pass away:
This night of gloom returns no more,
But ushers in a glorious day.

197. L. M.

Trust in God under worldly privations.

1.

WHEN human hopes and joys depart
We give thee, Lord, the contrite heart;
And on our weary spirits steal
The thoughts that pass all earthly weal.

2.

We cast above our tearful eyes,
And muse upon the starry skies;
And think that He who governs there
Still keeps us with his guardian care.

3.

We gaze upon the opening flower,
Just moisten'd with the evening's shower;
And bless the love which made it bloom,
To chase away our transient gloom.

4.

We trust, whene'er this mortal frame
Returns again from whence it came,
Our souls shall wing their happy flight
To regions of eternal light.

198. C. M.

Confidence in God our Father.

1.

O GOD, on thee we all depend,
On thy paternal care;
Thou wilt the father and the friend
In every act appear.

2.

Thou knowest best what's good and fit,
And wisdom guides thy love;
To thine appointments we submit,
And every choice approve.

3.

In thy paternal love and care
With cheerful hearts we trust;
Thy tender mercies boundless are,
And all thy thoughts are just.

4.

We cannot want while God provides;
What he allots is best;
And heaven, whate'er we want besides,
Will give eternal rest.

199. P. M.

Trust in God.

1.

FATHER divine, before thy view
All worlds, all creatures lie;
No distance can elude thy search,
No action 'scape thine eye.
Hear, gracious Lord, our mingled praises hear!
Thou art our hope, our joy, our fear.

2.

From thee our vital breath we drew;
Our childhood was thy care;
And vigorous youth and feeble age
Thy kind protection share.
Hear, gracious Lord, our mingled praises hear!
Thou art our hope, our joy, our fear.

3.

Whate'er we do, where'er we turn,
Thy ceaseless bounty flows;
Opprest with woe, when nature faints,
Thine arm is our repose.
Hear, gracious Lord, our mingled praises hear!
Thou art our hope, our joy, our fear.

4.

To thee we look, thou power supreme,
O still our wants supply!

Safe in thy presence may we live,
And in thy favour die!
Hear, gracious Lord, our mingled praises hear!
Thou art our hope, our joy, our fear.

200. C. M.

Trust in God under affliction.

1.

'TIS God that lifts our comforts high,
Or sinks them to the grave;
He gives, and (blessed be his name!)
He takes but what he gave.

2.

Peace, all our angry passions, then!
Let each impatient sigh
Be silent at his sovereign will,
And every murmur die.

3.

If smiling mercy crown our lives,
Its praises shall be spread;
And we 'll adore the justice too
That strikes our comforts dead.

201. C. M.

Resignation and thankfulness.

1.

WHEN I survey life's varied scene
Amid the darkest hours,
Sweet rays of comfort shine between,
And thorns are mixt with flowers.

2.

Lord, teach me to adore that hand
  From which my comforts flow,
And let me in this desert land
  A glimpse of brightness know.

3.

Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
  From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
  And let me live to thee.

202. C. M.

Submission to divine providence.

1.

O LORD, my best desires fulfill,
  And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to thy will,
  And make thy pleasure mine.

2.

Why should I shrink at thy command,
  Whose love forbids my fears;
Or tremble at the gracious hand
  That wipes away my tears?

3.

Wisdom and mercy guide my way:
  Shall I resist them both?
Short-sighted creature of a day,
  And crush'd before the moth!

4.

But oh! my inward spirit cries,
  Still bind me to thy sway;
Else the next cloud that veils the skies
  Drives all these thoughts away.

203. P. M.

The unfading beauty of holiness.

1.

ALL earthly charms, however dear,
  Howe'er they please the eye or ear,
  Will quickly fade and fly;
Of earthly glory faint the blaze,
And soon the transitory rays
  In endless darkness die.

2.

The nobler beauties of the just
Shall never moulder in the dust,
  Or know a sad decay;
Their honours time and death defy,
And round the throne of heaven on high
  Beam everlasting day.

204. L. M.

Filial trust in divine love.

1.

THY mercy bids all nature bloom;
  The sun shines bright and earth is gay;
O God, thy mercy spreads the gloom
That darkens o'er our transient day.

2.

Full many a throb of grief and pain
Is life's frail wanderer doom'd to know;
But not one prayer is breathed in vain,
Nor does one tear unheeded flow.

3.

Thy various messengers employ;
Thy purposes of love fulfill;
And, 'mid the wreck of human joy,
May kneeling faith adore thy will!

205. P. M.

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul?"

1.

WHY art thou cast down, my soul?
Heavy though the tempest be,
He who bids the tempest roll
Hath a sheltering port for thee.

2.

If disquiet disarrange
Hopes of comfort, thoughts of peace,
Know ye not one hour can change
Into joy your gloominess?

3.

When the deeps respond to deeps,
When the cataracts loudest roar,
Think ye that heaven's mercy sleeps,
That the reign of love is o'er?

4.

No; though hearts with sorrow thrill,
Heaven's eternal law of grace,
Powerful, omnipresent still,
All shall circle, all embrace.

206. C. M.

Christian resignation.

1.

O GOD, the covenant of thy love
Abides for ever sure,
And in its matchless grace we feel
Our happiness secure.

2.

Since thou, the everlasting God,
Our father art become,
Jesus our guardian and our friend,
And heaven our final home:

3.

We welcome all thy sovereign will,
For all that will is love;
And when we know not what thou dost,
We wait the light above.

207. L. M.

The Christian's character and prospects.

1.

SO let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

2.

Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honours of our saviour God;
When his salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.

3.

Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temperance, truth and love
Our inward piety approve.

4.

Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessed hope,
The bright appearance of the Lord,
And faith stands leaning on his word.

208. L. M.

Imitation of God.

1.

GREAT God, thy peerless excellence
Let all created natures own;
Deep on our minds impress the sense
Of glories which are thine alone.

2.

Let these our admiration raise,
And fill us with religious awe;
Tune both our hearts and tongues to praise,
And bend us to thy holy law.

3.

Pure may we be, averse to sin,
Just, holy, merciful and true!
And let thine image, form'd within,
Shine out in all we speak and do.

209. P. M.

Life.

1.

LORD, what is life? 'Tis like a flower
That blossoms and is gone;
We see it flourish for an hour,
With all its beauty on;
Then comes death, like a wintry day,
And cuts the blooming flower away.

2.

Lord, what is life? 'Tis like the bow
That glistens in the sky;
We love to see its colours glow,
But, while we look, they die:
Life fails as soon; today 'tis here,
Tonight perhaps 'twill disappear.

3.

Lord, what is life? If spent with thee,
In duty, praise, and prayer,
However long or short it be
We need but little care;
Because eternity will last
When life and death itself are past.

210. P. M.

The decay of life.

1.

THE morning hours of cheerful light
Of all the hours are best;
But as they speed their hasty flight,
If every hour is spent aright,
We sweetly sink to sleep at night,
And pleasant is our rest.

2.

And life is like a summer's day,
It seems as quickly past:
Youth is the morning, bright and gay,
And if 'tis spent in wisdom's way,
We meet old age without dismay,
And death is sweet at last.

211. C. M.

Time succeeded by a blessed eternity.

1.

FAR from these narrow scenes of night
Unbounded glories rise,
And realms of infinite delight,
Unknown to mortal eyes.

2.

There pain and sickness never come,
And grief no more complains;
Health triumphs in immortal bloom,
And endless pleasure reigns.

3.

O may the heavenly prospect fire
Our hearts with ardent love,
Till wings of faith and strong desire
Bear every thought above!

4.

Prepare us, Lord, by grace divine,
For thy bright courts on high;
Then bid our spirits rise and join
The chorus of the sky.

212. P. M.

The swiftness of time.

1.

AS the winged arrow flies
Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
Darts and leaves no trace behind;

2.

Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream:
Upwards, Lord, our spirits raise;
All below is but a dream.

3.

Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon of our sins renew;
Teach us henceforth how to live
With eternity in view.

4.

Bless thy word to young and old;
Fill us with our Father's love;
And when life's short tale is told,
May we dwell with thee above!

213. S. M.

The shortness and uncertainty of life.

1.

TOMORROW, Lord, is thine,
Lodged in thy sovereign hand;
And if its sun arise and shine,
It shines by thy command.

2.

The present moment flies,
And bears our lives away;
O make thy servants truly wise,
That they may live today!

3.

Since on this winged hour
Eternity is hung,
Waken by thine almighty power
The aged and the young.

4.

One thing demands our care:
O be it still pursued!
Lest, slighted once, the season fair
Should never be renew'd.

214. L. M.

Praise to God through life and in death.

1.

GOD of my life, through all its days
My grateful powers shall sound thy praise:
The song shall wake with opening light,
And warble to the silent night.

2.

When anxious cares would break my rest,
And griefs would tear my throbbing breast,
Thy tuneful praises raised on high
Shall check the murmur and the sigh.

3.

When death o'er nature shall prevail,
And all its powers of language fail,
Joy through my closing eyes shall break,
And mean the thanks I cannot speak.

4.

But O! when that last conflict's o'er,
And I am chain'd to earth no more,
With what glad accents shall I rise
To join the music of the skies!

215. S. M.

The changes of human life appointed by God.

1.

AS various as the moon
Is man's estate below;
To his bright day of gladness soon
Succeeds a night of woe.

2.

The night of woe resigns
Its darkness and its grief;
Again the morn of comfort shines,
And brings our souls relief.

3.

God measures out to all
Their lot of good and ill;
Nor this too great, nor that too small,
Ordain'd by wisest will.

4.

Let man conform his mind
To every changing state;
Rejoicing now, and now resign'd,
And the great issue wait.

216. L. M.

The wisdom of redeeming time.

1.

GOD of eternity, from thee
Did infant time its being draw;
Moments and days and months and years
Revolve by thine unvaried law.

2.

Silent and slow they glide away;
Steady and strong the current flows,
Lost in eternity's wide sea,
The boundless gulf from whence it rose.

3.

The thoughtless tribes of mortal men
Before the rapid stream are borne
On to that everlasting home
Whence not one soul can e'er return.

4.

Great source of wisdom, teach my heart
To know the price of every hour;
That time may bear me on to joys
Beyond its measure and its power.

217. L. M.

The day of mercy and hope.

1.

LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time to' ensure the great reward;
And while the lamp holds out to burn,
The greatest sinner may return.

2.

The living know that they must die:
But all the dead forgotten lie;
They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

3.

Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue,
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith nor hope, beneath the ground.

218. C. M.

The shortness of life and the goodness of God.

1.

OUR life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh:
The moment when our lives begin,
We all begin to die.

2.

Yet, mighty God, our fleeting days
Thy lasting favours share;
And with the bounties of thy grace
Thou crown'st the rolling year.

3.

Thy goodness runs an endless round;
All glory to the Lord!
Thy mercy never knows a bound;
And be thy name adored!

4.

Thus we begin our lasting song;
And when we close our eyes,
Let the next age thy praise prolong
Till time with nature dies.

219. C. M.

Man frail, and God eternal.

1.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

2.

Before the hills in order stood,
  Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
  To endless years the same.

3.

A thousand ages in thy sight
  Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
  Before the rising sun.

4.

Like flowery fields the nations stand,
  Pleased with the morning light:
The flowers beneath the mower's hand
  Lie withering ere 'tis night.

5.

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
  And our eternal home.

220. C. M.

Man frail, God all-powerful.

1.

LET others boast how strong they be,
  Nor death nor danger fear;
But we'll confess, O Lord, to thee,
  What feeble things we are.

2.

Fresh as the grass our bodies stand,
And flourish bright and gay;
A blasting wind sweeps o'er the land,
And fades the grass away.

3.

Our life contains a thousand springs,
And dies if one be wrong:
Strange, that a harp of thousand strings
Should keep in tune so long!

4.

But 'tis our God supports our frame,
The God that built us first:
All glory to the' almighty name,
That rear'd us from the dust.

221. C. M.

Heaven and earth contrasted.

1.

ON earth our pleasures soon are past,
Our brightest joys decay;
In heaven our pleasures ever last,
And cannot fade away.

2.

Here sins and sorrows we deplore,
With many cares distrest;
But there the mourners weep no more,
And there the weary rest.

3.

Our dearest friends, when death shall call,
The summons must obey;
But there we hope to meet them all
In everlasting day.

4.

Then let us love and serve the Lord
With all our youthful powers;
And we shall gain this great reward,
This glory shall be ours.

222. C. M.

Earthly and heavenly treasures compared.

1.

THESE mortal joys, how soon they fade!
How swift they pass away!
The dying flower reclines its head,
The beauty of a day.

2.

Soon are those earthly treasures lost
We fondly call our own;
Scarce the possession can we boast,
When straight we find them gone.

3.

But there are joys which cannot die,
With God laid up in store,
Treasures beyond the changing sky,
Brighter than golden ore.

4.

The seeds which piety and love
  Have scatter'd here below,
In the fair, fertile fields above
  To ample harvests grow.

223. P. M.

Many mansions in heaven.

1.

HOLY, wise, eternal Father,
  O how blessed is thy word,
Thus reveal'd to all thy servants,
  By thy Son, our gracious Lord!

2.

In thy house are many mansions;
  So his hallow'd lips declare:
O that we might there behold thee!
  O that we might enter there!

3.

There the blessed of all nations,
  Of all times and worlds shall meet;
There the labourers in thy vineyard
  Peaceful rest at Jesus' feet.

4.

There the wrong'd and broken-hearted
  Pure and sacred joy shall taste;
"There the wicked cease from troubling,
  And the weary are at rest."

224. C. M.

Changes of nature a type of a future state.

1.

AS twilight's gradual veil is spread
Across the evening sky;
So man's bright hours decline in shade,
And mortal comforts die.

2.

Fair summer's bloom and autumn's glow
In vain pale winter brave;
Nor youth, nor age, nor wisdom know
A ransom from the grave.

3.

But morning dawns, and spring revives,
And genial hours return;
So man's immortal soul survives,
And scorns the mouldering urn.

4.

When this vain scene no longer charms,
Or swiftly fades away,
He sinks into a Father's arms,
Nor dreads the coming day.

225. C. M.

Emblems of man's resurrection.

1.

ALL nature dies, and lives again:
The flower that paints the field,
The trees that crown the mountain's brow,
Divine instruction yield.

2.

Stript are the honours of their form
By winter's stormy blast;
They leave the naked leafless plain
A desolated waste.

3.

Yet soon reviving plants and flowers
Anew shall deck the plain;
The woods shall hear the voice of spring,
And flourish green again.

4.

So to the dreary grave consign'd,
Man sleeps in death's dark gloom,
Until the eternal morning wake
The slumbers of the tomb.

5.

O may the grave become to me
The bed of peaceful rest,
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,
And mingle with the blest!

226. C. M.

The blessing of those who die in the Lord.

1.

HEAR what the voice from heaven proclaims
For all the pious dead:
Sweet is the savour of their names,
And soft their sleeping bed.

2.

They die in Jesus, and are blest;
How kind their slumbers are!
From sufferings and from sins released,
And freed from every snare.

3.

Far from this world of toil and strife
They 're present with the Lord;
The labours of their mortal life
End in a large reward.

227. C. M.

The peaceful death of the Christian.

1.

BEHOLD the western evening light,
It melts in deepest gloom;
So calmly Christians sink away,
Descending to the tomb.

2.

The winds breathe low, the withering leaf
Scarce whispers from the tree;
So gently flows the parting breath
When good men cease to be.

3.

How beautiful on all the hills
The crimson light is shed!
'T is like the peace the Christian gives
To mourners round his bed.

4.

How mildly on the wandering cloud
  The sunset beam is cast!
'T is like the memory left behind,
  When loved ones breathe their last.

5.

But soon the morning's happier light
  Its glories shall restore;
And eyelids that are seal'd in death
  Shall wake to close no more.

228. C. M.

"*The spirit shall return to God who gave it.*"

1.

THERE is a place above the sky
  Where weary pilgrims rest,
Where hallow'd spirits homeward fly,
  And are for ever blest.

2.

There in that place of rest and ease,
  From every ill secure,
The soul may dwell, and by degrees
  Grow, like the angels, pure.

3.

There is a bourne where peace is found,
  A place of sweet content,
Where everlasting hymns resound
  Along the firmament.

4.

Do thou accept my fervent prayer,
God of eternal days!
That I the'appointed bliss may share
With those who sing thy praise.

229. L. M.

The death of the righteous.

1.

SWEET is the scene when virtue dies,
When sinks a righteous soul to rest;
How mildly beam the closing eyes!
How gently heaves the'expiring breast!

2.

So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

3.

A holy quiet reigns around,
A calm which nothing can destroy;
Nought can disturb that peace profound
Which their unfetter'd souls enjoy.

4.

Its duty done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies!
While heaven and earth combine to say,
"Sweet is the scene when virtue dies."

230. C. M.

The reunion of virtuous friends in heaven.

1.

BLEST hour, when virtuous friends shall meet,
Their earthly sorrows o'er;
And with celestial welcome greet,
On an immortal shore.

2.

Each tender tie, dissolved with pain,
With endless bliss is crown'd;
All that was dead revives again;
All that was lost is found.

3.

And while remembrance, lingering still,
Draws joy from sorrowing hours;
New prospects rise, new pleasures fill
The soul's expanded powers.

4.

Congenial minds, array'd in light,
High thoughts shall interchange;
Nor cease, with ever-new delight,
On wings of love to range.

231. C. M.

Warnings of frailty and immortality.

1.

BENEATH our feet, and o'er our head,
Is equal warning given:
Beneath us lie the countless dead,
Above us is the heaven.

2.

Death rides on every passing breeze,
He lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour.

3.

Turn, mortal, turn; thy danger know:
Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
And warns thee of her dead.

4.

Turn, Christian, turn; thy soul apply
To truths divinely given;
The boundless fields of light on high
Remind thee of thy heaven.

232. L. M.

Evening meditation on the flight of time.

1.

ANOTHER fleeting day is gone,
Swept from the records of the year;
And still, with each successive sun,
Life's fading visions disappear.

2.

Another fleeting day is gone
To join the fugitives before;
And I, when life's employ is done,
Shall sleep, to wake in time no more.

3.

Another fleeting day is gone;
But soon a fairer day shall rise;
A day whose never-setting sun
Shall pour his light o'er cloudless skies.

4.

Another fleeting day is gone:
In solemn silence rest, my soul!
Bow down before his awful throne
Who bids the morn and evening roll.

233. L. M.

The flight of time a motive to virtuous exertion.

1.

LIKE shadows gliding o'er the plain,
Or clouds that roll successive on,
Man's busy generations pass,
And while we gaze their forms are gone.

2.

O Father, in whose mighty hand
The boundless years and ages lie,
Teach us thy boon of life to prize
And use the moments as they fly;

3.

To crowd the narrow span of life
With wise designs and virtuous deeds;
So shall we wake from death's dark night
To share the glory that succeeds.

234. C. M.

God our everlasting light.

1.

YE golden lamps of heaven, farewell,
With all your feeble light;
Farewell, thou ever-changing moon,
Pale empress of the night.

2.

And thou, refulgent orb of day,
In brighter flames array'd,
My soul, that springs beyond thy sphere,
No more demands thine aid.

3.

Ye stars are but the shining dust
Of my divine abode,
The pavement of those heavenly courts
Where I shall reign with God.

4.

The Father of eternal light
Shall there his beams display;
Nor shall one moment's darkness mix
With that unvaried day.

5.

There all the millions of his saints
Shall in one song unite;
And each the bliss of all shall view
With infinite delight.

235. L. M.

The peace of God in affliction.

1.

MY Father, when around me spread
I see the shadows of the tomb,
And life's bright visions droop and fade,
And darkness veils my future doom;

2.

Oh! in that mournful hour I turn
With a still-trusting heart to thee,
And holy thoughts still shine and burn
Amid the cold, sad destiny.

3.

Forgive, O God, the heart that clings
Too fondly to the joys of time;
And bid my soul on angel-wings
Ascend into a purer clime.

4.

There shall no doubts disturb its trust,
No sorrows dim celestial love;
But these afflictions of the dust
Like shadows of the night remove.

236. C. M.

Peace to the returning penitent.

1.

SWEET is the friendly voice which speaks
The words of life and peace;
Which bids the penitent rejoice,
And sin and sorrow cease.

2.

Thou still art merciful and kind;
  Thy mercy, Lord, reveal;
The broken heart 't is thou canst bind,
  The wounded spirit heal.

3.

Let thy bright presence, Lord, restore
  Peace to my anxious breast;
Conduct me in the path that leads
  To everlasting rest.

237. C. M.

For the Lord's Supper.

1.

YE followers of the Prince of Peace
  Who round his table draw,
Remember what his spirit was,
  What his peculiar law.

2.

The love which all his bosom fill'd
  Did all his actions guide;
Inspired by love he lived and taught,
  Inspired by love he died.

3.

Let each his sacred law fulfill;
  Like his be every mind;
Be every temper form'd by love,
  And every action kind.

238. L. M.

For the Lord's Supper.

1.

TO God most high, the sovereign Lord,
Great name, by heaven and earth adored,
Our grateful hearts and voices raise
A cheerful song of sacred praise.

2.

And while around this board we meet
To worship at thy glorious feet,
O let our warm affections move
In glad returns of grateful love!

239. S. M.

For the Lord's Supper.

1.

JESUS, the friend of man,
Invites us to his board;
The welcome summons we obey,
And own our gracious Lord.

2.

Here we survey that love
Which spoke in every breath,
Which crown'd each action of his life,
And triumph'd in his death.

3.

Here let our powers unite
His honour'd name to raise;
Pleasure and joy fill every mind,
And every voice be praise.

240. C. M.

For the Lord's Supper.

1.

O GOD, accept the sacred hour
Which we to thee have given;
And let this hallow'd scene have power
To raise our souls to heaven.

2.

Still let us hold, till life departs,
The precepts of thy Son;
Nor let our thoughtless, thankless hearts
Forget what he hath done.

3.

His true disciples may we live,
From all corruption free;
And humbly learn, like him to give
Our powers, our wills to thee.

241. L. M.

God everywhere present with his people.

1.

THY presence, everlasting God,
Wide o'er all nature spreads abroad;
Thy watchful eyes, which cannot sleep,
In every place thy children keep.

2.

To thee we all our ways commit,
And seek our comforts near thy feet;
Still on our souls vouchsafe to shine,
And guard and guide us still as thine.

3.

Give us in thy beloved house
Again to pay our grateful vows:
Or, if that joy no more be known,
Give us to meet around thy throne.

242. C. M.

Close of the service.

1.

MAY He from whom all blessings flow
Our sacred rites attend,
Unite our hands in wisdom's ways
Till life's short journey end;

2.

And, as our rapid sands run down,
Our virtue still approve:
Till each receive the glorious crown
Of never-fading love!

243. C. M.

Close of the service.

1.

LORD, dismiss us with thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace!
Let us, each thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.

2.

Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.

3.

Life, we feel, is our probation;
  But thy light illumes the way,
Shows the flattering veil'd temptation,
  And conducts to perfect day.

244. L. M.

Divine direction implored.

1.

GREAT God, our Father and our Guide,
  By whom our wants are all supplied,
O let us through life's varied scene
On thine unerring goodness lean!

2.

In every end that we pursue
Thy glory may we keep in view,
That, long as life shall run its round,
Our days may be with goodness crown'd.

3.

And when beneath thy care we trust
Our mouldering relics to the dust,
Once more thy power and love display,
And raise us to the realms of day.

245. C. M.

Hymn to be used after the sermon.

1.

ALMIGHTY God, thy word is cast
  Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend,
  And righteous fruits abound.

2.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
  The rising plant destroy;
But may it yield, a hundredfold,
  The fruits of peace and joy.

3.

Oft as the precious seed is sown
  Thy quickening grace bestow;
That all whose souls the truth receive
  Its saving power may know.

246. C. M.

Reliance upon God.

1.

GREAT God, thine attributes divine,
  Thy glorious works and ways,
The wonders of thy power and might,
  The universe displays.

2.

In safety may thy children rest
  On thy sustaining arm;
Extended still and strong to save
  From danger and alarm.

3.

O may thy gracious presence, Lord,
  Chase anxious fears away;
Amidst the ruins of the world,
  Our guardian and our stay!

247. L. M.

Praise to the Creator.

1.

FROM all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

2.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

248. L. M.

Morning hymn.

1.

LORD, I to thee my vows renew:
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.

2.

Direct, controul, suggest this day
All I design, or do, or say,
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy true glory may unite.

3.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him, ye heavenly host above!
Praise him, my soul, for all his love!

249. P. M.

Evening hymn.

GOD that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light!
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night!
May thine angel-guard defend us,
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night!

250. L. M.

Evening hymn.

1.

GLORY to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under thine own almighty wings.

2.

Another day's short sands have run;
Forgive the ill that I have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3.

O let my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.

4.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him, ye heavenly host above!
Praise him, my soul, for all his love!

251. L. M.

Close of the service.

1.

LORD, now we part in thy blest name,
In which we here together came;
Grant us our few remaining days
To work thy will and spread thy praise.

2.

Teach us in life and death to bless
The Lord, our strength and righteousness;
And grant us all to meet above,
Where we shall better sing thy love.

252. L. M.

Close of the service.

1.

COME, Christians, come! and ere we part
Join every voice and every heart;
One solemn hymn to God we raise,
One final song of grateful praise.

2.

Christians! we here may meet no more;
But there is yet a happier shore;
And there, released from toil and pain,
We hope, at length, to meet again.

253. P. M.

Delight in public worship.

1.

LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of thy love,
Thine earthly temples are!
To thine abode
My heart aspires,
With warm desires
To see my God.

2.

O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise thee still;
And happy they
That love the way
To Zion's hill.

3.

They go from strength to strength
Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears:
O glorious seat,
When God our king
Shall thither bring
Our willing feet!

254. L. M.

Pure and spiritual worship.

1.

O THOU to whom, in ancient time,
The lyre of Hebrew bards was strung,
Whom kings adored in song sublime,
And prophets praised with glowing tongue!

2.

From every place below the skies,
The grateful song, the fervent prayer,
The incense of the heart, may rise
To heaven, and find acceptance there.

3.

To thee shall age, with snowy hair,
And strength and beauty bend the knee;
And childhood lisp, with reverent air,
Its praises and its prayers to thee.

4.

O thou to whom, in ancient time,
The lyre of prophet bards was strung,
To thee at length, in every clime,
Shall temples rise and praise be sung.

255. C. M.

The Creator seen in his works.

1.

THERE's not a star whose twinkling light
Illumes the distant earth,
And cheers the solemn gloom of night,
But mercy gave it birth.

2.

There's not a cloud whose dews distil
  Upon the parching clod,
And clothe with verdure vale and hill,
  That is not sent by God.

3.

There's not a place in earth's vast round,
  In ocean deep, or air,
Where skill and wisdom are not found,
  For God is everywhere.

4.

Then rise, my soul, and sing his name,
  And all his praise rehearse,
Who spread abroad earth's glorious frame,
  And built the universe.

256. S. M.

Reliance on the goodness of God.

1.

HOW gracious is our God!
  How kind his precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord,
  And trust his constant care.

2.

  Since he for ever reigns,
  We may securely dwell;
The hand which bears all nature up
  Shall guide his children well.

3.

O, why should anxious thoughts
Oppress the sinking mind?
Go, fall before your Father's throne
And sweet relief you'll find.

4.

Devoutly fear his name,
And know no other fear;
In every scene of life and death
Your helper will be near.

257. C. M.

The goodness of God in the seasons.

1.

'TIS by thy strength the mountains stand,
God of eternal power;
The sea grows calm at thy command,
And tempests cease to roar.

2.

The morning light and evening shade
Successive comforts bring;
Thy plenteous fruits make harvest glad,
Thy flowers adorn the spring.

3.

Seasons and times, and moons and hours,
Heaven, earth, and air are thine;
When clouds distil in fruitful showers,
The author is divine.

4.

The thirsty ridges drink their fill,
And ranks of corn appear;
Thy ways abound with blessings still,
Thy goodness crowns the year.

258. P. M.

"God is love."

1.

GOD is love; his mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss he wakes, and woe he lightens:
God is wisdom, God is love.

2.

Time and change are busy ever;
Man decays and ages move;
But his mercy waneth never:
God is wisdom, God is love.

3.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
Will his changeless goodness prove;
From the mist his brightness streameth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

4.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere his glory shineth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

259. L. M.

"Did not our hearts burn within us by the way?"

1.

HATH not thy heart within thee burn'd,
At evening's calm and holy hour,
As if its inmost depths discern'd
The presence of a loftier power?

2.

Hast thou not heard 'mid forest glades,
While ancient rivers murmur'd by,
A voice from forth the' eternal shades,
That spake a present Deity?

3.

And as upon the sacred page
Thine eye in rapt attention turn'd
O'er records of a holier age,
Hath not thy heart within thee burn'd?

4.

It was the voice of God that spake
In silence to thy silent heart;
And bade each worthier thought awake,
And every dream of earth depart.

5.

Voice of our God, O yet be near!
In low, sweet accents whisper peace;
Direct us on our pathway here,
And bid in heaven our wanderings cease.

260. L. M.

(*Isaiah* IX.)

1.

WE walk'd in darkness, but at last
Are cheer'd by heaven's eternal light;
The dreary shades of death are past,
And all beyond the tomb is bright.

2.

A thousand joys are gather'd round,
A thousand triumphs glad our way;
We hear and join in victory's sound,
And glory brings its fairest day.

3.

A child is born, a son is given
To us—whose rule shall never cease;
The Counsellor of the King of heaven,
Father of ages, Prince of peace.

4.

And peace and glory long shall dwell
With him, who sits on David's throne;
The hope, the joy of Israel,
He reigns for ever, mighty One!

261. L. M.

"*It is I, be not afraid.*" (*Matth.* XIV. 27.)

1.

WHEN power divine, in mortal form,
Hush'd, with a word, the raging storm,
In soothing accents Jesus said,
"Lo, it is I! be not afraid."

2.

So, when in silence nature sleeps,
And his lone watch the mourner keeps,
One thought shall every pang remove:
Trust, feeble man, thy Maker's love.

3.

God calms the tumult and the storm,
He rules the seraph and the worm;
No creature is by him forgot,
Of those who know, or know him not.

4.

And when the last dread hour shall come,
While shuddering nature waits her doom,
This voice shall call the pious dead:
"Lo, it is I! be not afraid."

262. P. M.

A wise man builds upon a rock.

1.

WHEN, by pain and care oppresst,
Anguish fills the trembling breast,
Father, in that fearful hour,
Aid us by thy heavenly power.

2.

When around in ruin wide
Fall the lofty domes of pride,
May our tower of safety be,
Rock of ages, based on thee!

3.

Transient are the joys of earth
As the hour that gives them birth;
Faithless as a lovely dream
Fading at the morning's beam;

4.

But thy servants' trust, O Lord,
Rests on thine unfailing word,
On the strength and light and love
Beaming from thy throne above.

263. L. M.

"Their works shall follow them."

1.

I HEARD a voice which sweetly said,
"Happy, thrice happy are the dead,
Who from their earthly labours rest;
They slumber well, for they are blest."

2.

But while in dust at peace they lie,
The holy memory cannot die
Of deeds of virtue and of praise
Which cheer'd and crown'd their mortal days.

3.

Those deeds can never die, though they
To the cold grave have pass'd away;
But speed to heaven and there await
The spirit at the' eternal gate.

4.

And then around the' Almighty's seat
In holy concord they shall meet;
A cloud of witnesses, to cheer
The path which leads the spirit there.

264. S. M.

The hour of prayer.

1.

IT is the hour of prayer!
Let worldly troubles cease;
Let solemn thoughts our minds prepare,
And hush our souls to peace!

2.

Father and God, we fall
With awe before thy throne;
But thou wilt hear us when we call:
We wait on thee alone.

3.

While in thy sacred house
We bend the suppliant knee,
O may our pious thoughts and vows
Accepted rise to thee!

4.

Our voices too shall pay
Glad homage while we live;
Lord, hear us when we humbly pray,
And hearing, O forgive.

265. L. M.

Prayer for spiritual help and deliverance.

1.

FRIEND of the friendless and the faint!
Where should we lodge our deep complaint?
Where, but with thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor?

2.

Did ever mourner plead with thee,
And thou refuse the mourner's plea?
Does not the word still fixt remain,
That none shall seek thy face in vain?

3.

God of our lives, to thee we call;
Afflicted at thy feet we fall:
When the great water-floods prevail,
Leave not our trembling hearts to fail.

4.

O Lord, the pilot's part perform,
And guard and guide us through the storm;
Defend us from each threatening ill;
Controul the waves, say, "Peace, be still!"

266. P. M.

Omnipresence of God.

1.

ABOVE, below, where'er I gaze,
Thy guiding finger, Lord, I view,
Traced in the midnight planet's blaze,
Or glistening in the morning dew;
Whate'er is beautiful or fair
Is but thine own reflection there.

2.

I hear thee in the stormy wind
That turns the ocean wave to foam;
Nor less thy wondrous power I find
When summer airs around me roam;
The tempest and the calm declare
Thyself, for thou art everywhere.

3.

I find thee in the depth of night,
I read thy name in every star;
And when the radiant orb of light
With gold hath tipp'd the hills afar,
That ray of glory, bright and fair,
Is but thy living shadow there.

4.

Thine is the silent noon of night,
The twilight eve, the dewy morn;
Whate'er is beautiful and bright,
Thine hands have fashion'd to adorn.
Thy glory walks in every sphere,
And all things whisper, "God is here!"

267. P. M.

God our Father.

1.

MY Father! cheering name!
I joy to call thee mine:
O may I ever boast
A kindred so divine!
And may I still
United be
In bonds so sweet,
My God, to thee!

2.

When morning dawns, my soul,
Thy filial homage pay;
And as the moments pass
Let duty fill the day:
Then, freed from care,
At evening's close,
Thy wearied powers
Shall find repose.

3.

And, having felt below
A Father's tender love,
Then soar aloft, and join
The family above:
With sacred joy
Unmix'd with fears,
His smile to share
Through endless years.

268. L. M.

The grace of God implored.

1.

O SOURCE of uncreated light!
By whom the worlds were rais'd from night,
Come, visit every pious mind,
Come, pour thy joys on human kind.

2.

Plenteous in grace, descend from high,
Rich in thy matchless energy;
From sin and sorrow set us free,
And make us temples worthy thee.

269. P. M.

The heavenly rest.

1.

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wanderers given;
There is a tear for souls distrest,
A balm for every wounded breast,
'T is found above, in heaven!

2.

There is a home for weary souls
By sin and sorrow driven;
When tost on life's tempestuous shoals,
Where storms arise, and ocean rolls,
And all is drear, but heaven!

3.

There faith lifts up the tearful eye,
  The heart with anguish riven;
And views the tempest passing by,
The evening shadows quickly fly,
  And all serene in heaven!

4.

The fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
  And joys supreme are given;
There rays divine disperse the gloom:
Beyond the confines of the tomb
  Appears the dawn of heaven!

270. P. M.

The peace of God.

1.

THERE is a calm the pure in spirit know,
  That softens sorrow, and that lightens woe;
There is a peace that dwells within the breast,
When all without is stormy and distrest:

2.

There is a light that gilds the darkest hour,
When dangers threaten and when troubles low'r,
That calm, that peace to faith and love is given,
That light shines down to man direct from heaven.

271. P. M.

The end of all things.

LUTHER'S HYMN.

GREAT God! what do I see and hear?
The end of things created!
The Judge of mankind doth appear
On clouds of glory seated!
The trumpet sounds! the graves restore
The dead which they contain'd before!
Prepare, my soul, to meet him!

ADDENDA.

272. P. M.

1.

AT the portals of thy house,
Lord, we leave our mortal cares:
Nobler thoughts our souls engage,
Songs of praise, and fervent prayers.
Pure and contrite hearts alone
Find acceptance at thy throne.

2.

Hapless men, whose footsteps stray
From the temple of the Lord!
Teach them Zion's heavenly way;
To their feet thy light afford.
Let the world united join
In our harmony divine.

273. P. M.

I am the good shepherd. John x.

1.

AS the good shepherd leads his sheep
Through paths secure,
And, whilst a-fold by night they sleep,
Doth keep them sure;
So the true shepherd, Christ, our souls doth guide,
Safe in his eye, protected by his side.

2.

Great Shepherd! do we know thy voice,
And follow thee?
Is thy safe fold our rule and choice,
From bondage free?
Upheld by faith the' obedient sheep shall stand,
'And none shall pluck them from thy Father's hand.'

3.

But oh! what mortal tongue shall sing
Thy wondrous love?
Death could not with his threatened sting
Thy purpose move:
Conqueror of death, and pledge of life to rise
Joy of the earth, and heir of subject skies.

4.

Shepherd! with joy we hear thy call
That leads to heaven:
Let none from that salvation fall
So freely given!
But, as thy sacred records long foretold,
Be the wide-peopled earth 'one happy fold'.

274. P. M.

The never-ceasing goodness of God.

1.

HOUSE of our God, with cheerful anthems ring,
While all our lips and hearts his goodness sing;

The opening year his bounty shall proclaim,
And all its days be vocal with his name.
The Lord is good, his mercy never ending,
His blessings in perpetual showers descending.

2.

Thou earth, enlighten'd by his rays divine,
Pregnant with grass and corn, and oil and wine;
Crown'd with his goodness, let thy nations meet,
And lay their crowns at his paternal feet;
With grateful love that liberal hand confessing,
Which through each heart diffuseth every blessing.

3.

His mercy never ends; the dawn, the shade
Still see new beauties through new scenes display'd;
Succeeding ages bless this sure abode,
And children lean upon their fathers' God.
The deathless soul, through its immense duration,
Drinks, from this source, immortal consolation.

4.

Burst into praise, my soul; all nature, join;
Angels and men, in harmony combine;

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